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## UNDISGUISED RELIEF FELT IN ROME AFTER LAVAL'S TRIUMPH

### THRILLING RESCUE OF TWO AIRMEN BOMBERS AND CAVALRY COVER RETREAT SQUADRON CAPTAIN DECORATED

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Asmara, To-day.

Italian sources describe the position on the northern front as "not favourable for Italy." Since the fighting at Takazze and the withdrawal of the Italian guards from the right bank of that river, the Abyssinians from Shire have been skirmishing along the Italian right wing. Italian reports declare that the Abyssinians dispersed and that their attempts to gain a foothold in the Tembien plateau, so as to direct operations from there, were frustrated by stubborn Italian counter-attacks.

Milan: The story of a brilliant piece of airmanship on part of Italy's northern front is reported from Asmara, where the inmates of two aeroplanes forced to land behind the Abyssinian lines were rescued in a most dramatic manner.

A fleet of Italian fighting planes were attacking the Abyssinians along the banks of the Takazze River during the Christmas holidays. One machine was hit by a stray bullet from an Abyssinian rifle, the benzine tank being punctured, so that the Italian airman was forced to land among the Abyssinians.

His comrade in the plane alongside, seeing his fellow-pilot in danger, descended at the same time, intending to pick up the planeless pilot and start again. The second pilot's plane was, however, damaged in landing, so that both were in danger of being made prisoner.

Seeing that escape by air was impossible each pilot destroyed his plane, and the two then began an attempt to reach the Italian lines 12 miles distant on foot.

Meanwhile the rest of the air squadron had detected the stranded airmen and began covering their retreat with bombs, thus keeping the Abyssinians at bay. Headquarters sent out a cavalry patrol to meet the fugitives, who reached the base near the worst for the adventure.

Marshal Badoglio has presented the captain of the flying squadron that saved the two stranded airmen with a silver medal for bravery.—Trans-Ocean Service.

### ON SOUTHERN FRONT

Quiet Confidence Of Abyssinians

### NOW LITTLE PERTURBED BY AIR RAIDS

Addis Ababa, To-day.

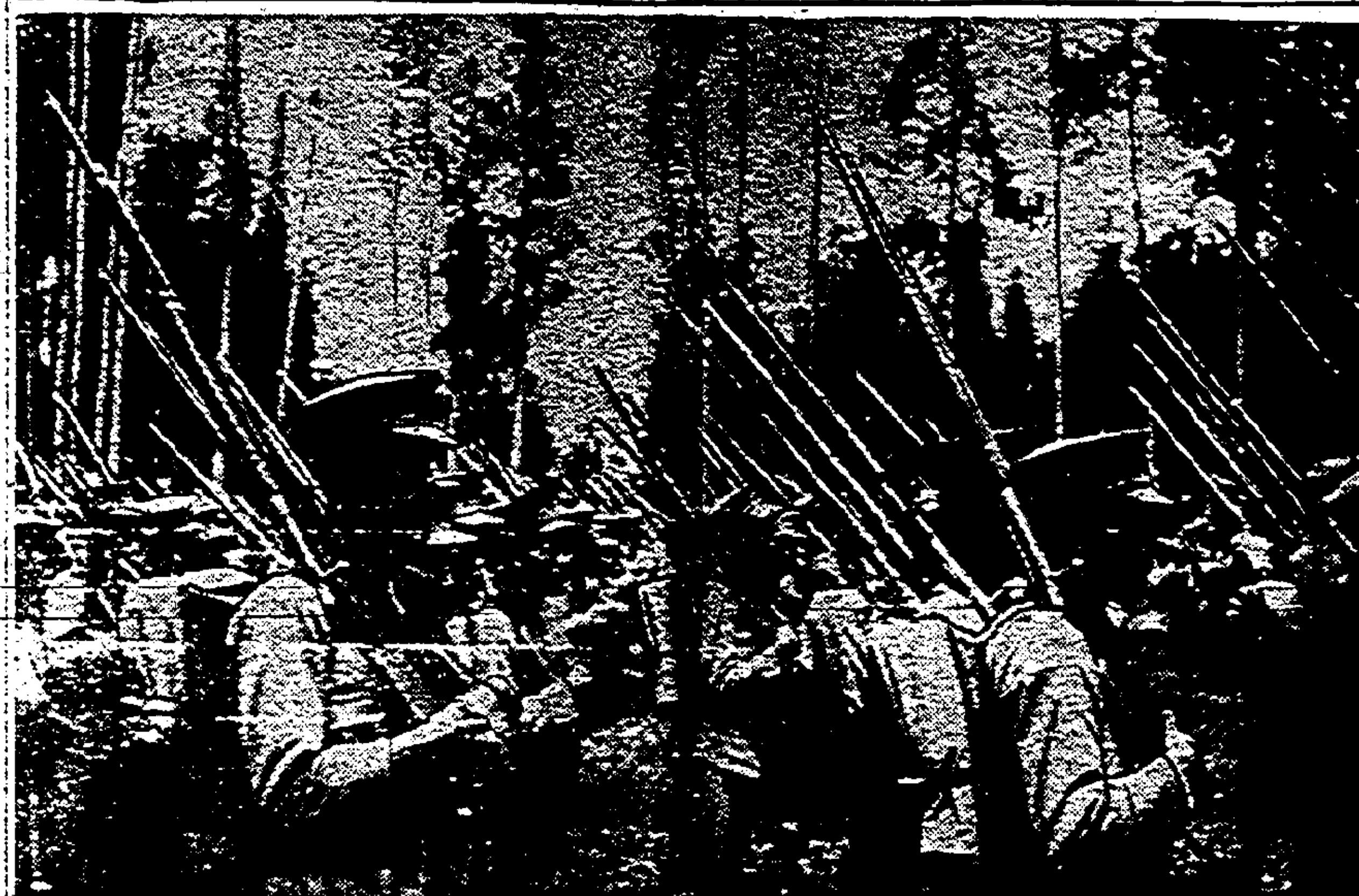
Mr. Collins, Reuter's special correspondent, spent a week with the troops of Dedjazmatch Nasibou on the southern front. He interviewed Nasibou at his headquarters at Jijiga situated in the local palace, which is a rickety two-storeyed building. The village lies in the middle of dusty, windswept plains.

The Nasibu fortress probably does not exceed 75,000 men, mostly clothed in khaki, as white would make them too conspicuous to air raiders. Their diet is very simple, consisting of a daily meal of a quarter of a pound of cooked corn washed down with salty water, yet their health is good.

It appears that the Italian forces after an advance and a subsequent retirement, are holding a line which approximates to that held at the beginning of the hostilities. Both sides claim possession of Gerlogubi, Goshai and Ual Ual, but probably there is a vast no-man's land 80 miles deep, though Ual Ual may be held as an Italian outpost.

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## One Man Who Completely Understands Situation



Our photograph shows a section of the Emperor's soldiers marching to the Northern front.

## BRIGHTER HOPES FOR SETTLEMENT

### NO INTENSIFICATION OF EXISTING TENSION

#### FRENCH PRESS COMMENT

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Paris, To-day.

M. Laval's eleventh-hour victory in the Chamber provided yesterday's newspapers with material for innumerable articles commenting upon and analysing the present political constellation and examining the Government's chances of remaining in office. Those papers friendly towards the Government attribute the Chamber victory solely to M. Laval's diplomatic and political skill, several newspapers describing his tactics as a "masterpiece" and calling M. Laval a "great statesman."

The opposition press, however, speaks of the first motion, by which M. Laval obtained a majority of 20, as indicating the real state of Parliamentary feeling, but says that when all the votes of those Ministers not belonging to the Senate are subtracted the majority dwindles to 5. The members of the Left wing then accuse M. Laval of having gradually persuaded a number of deputies, even among his opponents, to give him their votes, so that he could secure a majority at all.

Another point made by all the opposition papers is that after two-thirds of the Radicals had voted against the Government it is impossible that they should remain in the Cabinet, and predict that at the latest when M. Herriot's successor is appointed on January 19 the Laval Government will break up.

The *Echo de Paris* says that M. Laval's success proves to foreign countries that France will remain true to her word and loyal to the tradition of peace, and moreover that she is a true friend of both England and Italy. She is indisputably bound to the international system but is not chained thereto as a prisoner.

FOREMOST DECLARATION  
The *Petit Journal* speaks with enthusiasm of M. Laval's speech as the foremost political declaration.

### REFUGEES FROM GERMANY

Situation Must Be Reconsidered

### INTENSIFIED PERSECUTION OF JEWS

London, To-day.

The newspapers give prominence to a letter from Mr. J. G. Macdonald to the Secretary-General of the League of Nations, resigning his office of League High Commissioner for Refugees from Germany, declaring that since the office was established two years ago the conditions in Germany which create refugees have developed so catastrophically that reconsideration of the entire situation by the League is essential.

Describing the intensified persecution of Jews and others he says that apart from all questions of principle, in view of the fact that now over half a million persons are being crushed against whom no charge can be made except that they are not what the Nazis choose to regard as "Nordic," it will not be enough to continue the activities on behalf of refugees.

Efforts must be made to remove or mitigate the causes, and he accordingly advises friendly and firm intervention with the German Government by all pacific means on the part of the League of Nations and other nations.—Reuter.

### M. LAVAL'S CHAMBER WIN

Paris, To-day.  
The official figures show that the motion of non-confidence in M. Laval was rejected in the Chamber by 286 votes to 276.—Reuter.

### ARMY OFFICER FOUND DEAD

Grim Discovery By House Boy

POST MORTEM HELD

Alarmed at the fact that his master had taken longer than usual to dress, Kwan Chuen, No. 1 Boy employed by Col. A. B. Hearle, D.S.O., Royal Engineers, of No. 5, Peak Mansions, opened the door leading into the dressing room, and found his master dead in an arm-chair.

The discovery was made at about 10 a.m. this morning, and the Police, who were at once communicated with, found no trace whatever of foul play. Detective Inspector Elston, who is in charge of the case, informed the *China Mail* that a post mortem will be held at 2 p.m. to-day, but this will be merely to ascertain whether there has been any poisoning.

Details of the tragedy are very meagre at the time of going to press, but it is understood that Col. Hearle ordered his morning tea at 7.30 a.m., when he appeared to be absolutely normal. He went into the dressing room at about 8 a.m., and as he did not appear again for a long time (his servants state that he usually took about 20 minutes over his toilet), the servants became anxious and went into the room, when the grim discovery was made.

### GROUND SHIP REFLOATED

No Damage To "Kwangtung"

According to a wireless message received from H.M.S. Seawater, to-day, the China Navigation Co.'s s.s. Kwangtung, which ran aground in the Canton River early on Saturday morning, was refloated by the steam-tug Wandun at 6.25 a.m. to-day, and has proceeded to Canton.

The Wandun is returning to Taikoo Dock. As the ship went ashore on a mudbank no damage was sustained to the hull, and she will be able to continue on her normal schedule.

### FRENCH AIRMAN KILLED

Crash At Wadi Halfa

Paris, To-day.  
The Air Ministry states that the two airmen Phares and Klein, attempting to set up an air record from Paris to Madagascar, crashed when taking off at Wadi Halfa. Phares was killed and Klein had both his legs broken.—Reuter.

### TAIKOO REACHES YOLANDE

The steam-tug Taikoo, which left Hong Kong on Friday for the s.s. Yolande, which ran aground early on Boxing Day in the Hai-nan Straits, has now reached its destination, and is standing by for favourable weather in order that the divers may be able to descend to discover the extent of the damage and decide upon the best course to refloat the ship.



The s.s. Parings, which was wrecked on a voyage from Australia to Japan, was refloated by Captain A. McInnes and carried two British officers, all of whom are well known locally. The Parings was towing the tanker Vincas, but in a heavy storm the ships parted. The tanker has anchored safely.

### COLD WAVE IN AMERICA

#### HEAVY DAMAGE DONE TO CROPS

New York, To-day.

Millions of dollars' worth of damage is estimated to have been done in the Southern States by the worst "freeze" for 19 years. Crops have withered and communications have been crippled over a huge ice-bound area. North and South Carolina, Tennessee and Alabama are blanketed with snow. New Yorkers are shivering, with the temperature only 8 degrees above zero.

Another bitter cold wave is reported to be moving up the Atlantic seaboard from the south.—Reuter.

### POLICE RAIDS IN VIENNA

Attempted Murder Of Heimwehr Leader

Vienna, To-day.  
There have been extensive police raids and many arrests, following an attempt to murder the well-known Heimwehr district leader Herr Max Walcher, who was shot from ambush and critically wounded when he was entering his house on Saturday night. The assailants, believed to be Communists, escaped. Prince von Starhemberg has hurried to the victim's bedside.—Reuter.

### GREISENAU'S MAIDEN VOYAGE

Berlin, To-day.—The s.s. Greisenaue, the third fast 18,000-ton North German Lloyd ship specially designed for the new service to the Far East, began her maiden voyage from Bremen on Friday last. She is fitted with ordinary steam turbines, unlike her sister-ships, which are turbo-electric driven.—Reuter.

### PARINGA MYSTERY

No Further News Of Vessel

### THREE WELL-KNOWN LOCAL PERSONALITIES ON BOARD

Enquiries from the Hong Kong agents of the owners of the s.s. Parings, the Far East Shipping Co., this morning, produced no further information regarding the whereabouts of the vessel, which has mysteriously disappeared while on a voyage from Adelaide to Japan, towing the tanker Vincas.

The Vincas, which was manned by four Chinese, was proceeding to Japan for breaking up purposes, and reached a haven of safety after parting company with the Parings during a fierce storm.

The missing ship, which, although fitted with wireless, has not communicated with the owners for several days, is commanded by a well-known figure on the local water-front, Captain A. McInnes, who together with the Chief Officer, Mr. S. C. Southam, and the Chief Engineer, Mr. J. G. M. Yuill, left Hong Kong last month by the s.s. Atsuta Maru to join the ship at Adelaide.

Captain McInnes is a man of about 52 years of age, and has a wife who lives in Hong Kong. He has been on the China Coast since before the War. One of his most recent commands was the steam-tug Henry Keswick, belonging to the Hong Kong and Whampoa Dock Co.

Chief Engineer Yuill is another old-timer who was for many years in the employ of the Indo-China S.N. Co. He is well known in Hong Kong, Shanghai and Singapore. Mr. Southam is the youngest of the three, having been on the coast for about two or three years. He received his training on board the famous sailing ship Conway.

### FARMERS RIOT IN KIANGSU

Rent Reductions Demanded

POLICE OFFICER FIRES INTO MOB

Shanghai, To-day.

There was a serious riot near Soochow yesterday afternoon, when more than 1,000 farmers demonstrated in favour of a general reduction in rents. Finding that volleys fired in the air were useless, a police officer opened fire with a pistol at the mob, which was trying to storm the Sheriff's office, wounding one of the ringleaders. The farmers became incensed and wrecked the headquarters of the Bureau of Public Safety and surrounded the Sheriff's office, but dispersed upon the timely arrival of reinforcements from Soochow.

Agitation for a reduction in rents is also reported from Changshu, the wealthy Kiangsu rice-producing centre, and other towns in the province, including Soochow itself.—Reuter.

### "KIPLING WEEK" IN U.S.A.

Seventieth Birthday Celebrations

London, To-day.

The 70th birthday of Rudyard Kipling is celebrated with long memoirs in the newspapers, paying tributes to the poet. New York messages state that the birthday is being celebrated throughout the United States, special nation-wide broadcast programmes having been arranged.

"Kipling Week" held for the first time, will be an annual event in the future.—Reuter.



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(b) The minimum charge for all places will be for ten words. Further particulars may be obtained on application to the Radio Office.

## INWARD MAILS

## FROM EUROPE

## FROM SHANGHAI

Pres. Doumer	Dec. 31
Agamenon	Jan. 31
Emp. of Asia	Jan. 31
Shunan	Jan. 31
Pres. Johnson	Jan. 31
Haruna Maru	Jan. 31

## FROM STRAITS &amp; INDIA

Lycan	Dec. 31
Yasukuni Maru	Jan. 31
Titan	Jan. 31
Cramer	Jan. 31
Barents	Jan. 31

## FROM U.S.A.

Emp. of Asia	Jan. 31
Pres. Johnson	Jan. 31

## FROM JAPAN

Genoa Maru	Dec. 31
Nankin	Jan. 31
Arabia Maru	Jan. 31
Emp. of Asia	Jan. 31
Haruna Maru	Jan. 31
Pres. Johnson	Jan. 31
Brisbane Maru	Jan. 31

## FROM MANILA

Taipei	Jan. 31
Nelore	Jan. 31

## FROM AUSTRALIA

Taipei	Jan. 31
Nelore	Jan. 31

## OUTWARD MAILS

## FOR EUROPE

Pres. Doumer (via Orient Service)	Dec. 31
Closer Reg. 9 a.m.	Dec. 31
Ord. 9:30 a.m.	Dec. 31
Agamenon (via Marseilles)	Jan. 31
Yasukuni Maru (via Siberia)	Jan. 31

## FOR STRAITS AND INDIA

Pres. Doumer	Dec. 31
Agamenon	Jan. 31
Arabia Maru	Jan. 31
Haruna Maru	Jan. 31

## FOR JAPAN

Yasukuni Maru	Dec. 31
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## FOR AUSTRALIA

Nankin	Dec. 31
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## WOMENS PAGE

## Solving The Hat Problem

LINGERIE WORKED  
BY HANDAlways Feels Better  
When Worn

## INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN

Lingerie always looks and feels nicer if it is made by hand. Use satin stitch for the outside joins and finish all edges on the straight of the stuff with hand hemstitching.

Turn up a hem in the usual way, then draw several threads in the work, adjoining the turned edge of the hem. Fasten the working thread in the left end of the fold. Hold the thread down with the left thumb and take up four or five of the cross threads on the needle, inserting the needle from right to left. Draw the needle through.

At the extreme right of the cluster of threads take a short stitch through the fold and through the loop of thread, from right to left. Draw the thread through.

## Double Hem-Stitching

For double hemstitching make a row of stitches on the opposite side of the drawn line, taking up the same groups of thread as on the first time across and making the little holding stitch around a thread or two at the edge of the drawn line.

Serpentine or fagot hemstitching is double hemstitching in which the stitches of the second row take in half of one cluster and half of the next, so that a slanting effect results.

Fagoting is another attractive way of joining seams on lingerie or frocks. Bands of ribbon or braid can also be joined with fagoting and used as a decorative collar or yoke. For lingerie turn back the raw edges on the pieces to be joined and overcast these raw edges. Then baste the two edges to be joined on to a piece of stiff paper, the folded edges being a quarter of an inch, or more, apart, and join by fagoting. Each time you cross pass your needle under the thread, thus giving a twist to each stitch.

To applique lace baste it to the fabric and whip the edge with short satin stitches. Cut the fabric off to a narrow seam on the inside and whip the raw edge.

## Joining

To make a join in lace cut around the motifs in the design and sew along the joining with short satin stitch. Or attach a seam on the wrong side, cut it to 1/4 in. wide and overcast with close, firm stitches.

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Immense Variety  
In Models

## NARROW HIGH CROWNS

We all know more about good dressing in general these days, but hats are still a difficult problem, largely because millinery vogues change so rapidly. Each week sees a new trend and novel trimming.

All hats worthy of the name are fitted cleverly to the sculptured head. Some new models are set forward, but bonnets and halos are still worn far back. These are always trying. A wide expanse of forehead is possible only for the young; yet to be worn well the wearer must not be too innocent of the uses of a hat.

## Poising The Halo

The schoolgirl style of halo is a rather foolish shape, for it is apt to suggest a scared and vacant expression. In fact, bonnets or high cosack models, if worn hanging at the back of the head, are inclined to look foolish.

We have all seen halos which have looked well, but there are not many beautiful women of the Madonna type, with saintly faces, smooth brows, and exquisitely shaped heads. For them the halo is perfection.

## Value Of Variety

The value of variety is that we can all find becoming millinery if we realise our type and select a hat suited to the occasion as well as to our faces. Tones of soft fur and velvet can be draped, or dragged to best become us. Felt shapes mostly have a forward and side tilt, and like the tricorne, a line which distinguishes the new berets, are easier to wear. Some of the new felts have narrow high crowns, but often these are draped.



Going to nature for the design of this evening gown worn by Jane Froman, star of the screen, and air-waves, stylists have enhanced its beauty by the large leaf pattern used on metal cloth. The gown is styled in princess lines, with a low décolletage and flowing shoulder draperies.

ALWAYS CARRY  
A CLEANSER IN  
YOUR HANDBAGADVICE BY KAY  
FRANCISRemove The Old  
Make-Up

"To have a really lovely skin, translucent and young looking, a woman always must remove—and I mean thoroughly remove—all old makeup before applying new," says Kay Francis, one of the most beautiful stars in Hollywood.

"Of course, there are times during the day or evening when a nose gets shiny and has to be dusted with powder. But this should be done seldom and as little powder as possible should be used.

"In my own handbag I carry a small bottle of my favourite liquid cleanser which I can use at a moment's notice. Then, with one small, but well-equipped vanity case containing powder, rouge and lipstick, I am able to run into a dressing room and give myself a fresh makeup as quickly and in much more satisfactory manner than I could repair the old. I believe the first rule in good grooming should be never to wear makeup in layers."

## Easy To Follow

This advice is not only extremely sound, but unusually easy to follow. Putting on layer after layer of powder and rouge grinds dust and dirt into the pores and gives the skin a rather grayish, unhealthy look. It betrays every woman who values her appearance to carry a cleanser and a few pieces of clean cotton in her bag. When rouge looks faded and powder has disappeared in spots, removal of old and application of new cosmetics is the ideal procedure.

To dab a bit of colour here and a touch of powder there is just about as satisfactory as the job the landlord does when he tells you he can't redecorate, but that he will touch up your apartment so it will look just like new.

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ERK	RECK
ENT	STAKE
SPRICE	DEBRING
TEND	IRMS

## Odd Pieces Of Linoleum

Are Usually Very  
Useful

## SOME SUGGESTIONS

When new linoleum is laid a few odd pieces are usually left over. Small scraps that will not serve any other purpose are excellent for firelighting. Larger pieces may be used with advantage for covering shelves near the sink in the kitchen or scullery.

If the pattern and colours are suitable pieces may also be used

in the bathroom for shelves or window-ledge. The baize top of an old card-table may be recovered with linoleum. The table is then suitable either for garden or for kitchen use.

A loose piece, ten or twelve inches across, kept at hand in the kitchen, is a useful protective mat on which to stand pans when they are lifted off the stove or while they are being scoured. Coal boxes do not wear out so quickly at the bottom if a piece of linoleum is cut to fit inside them.

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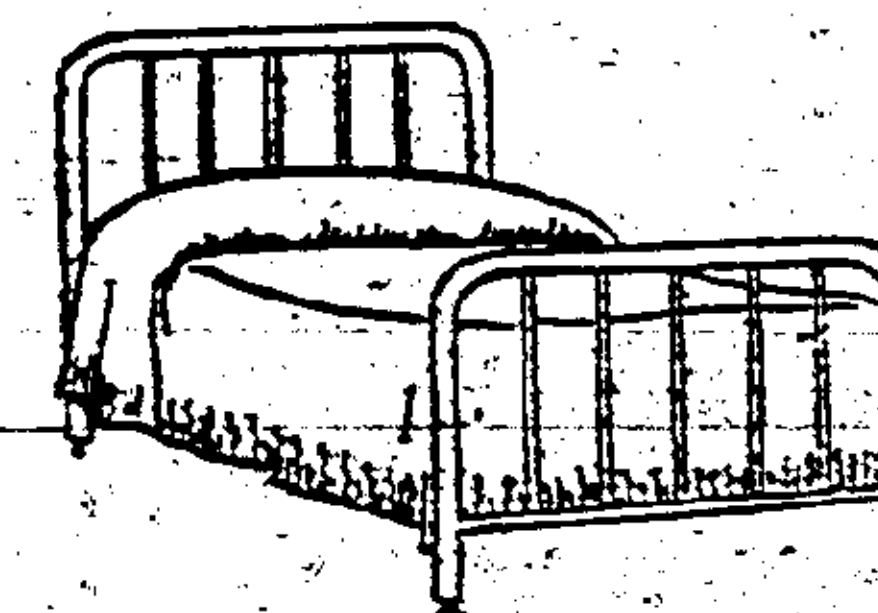
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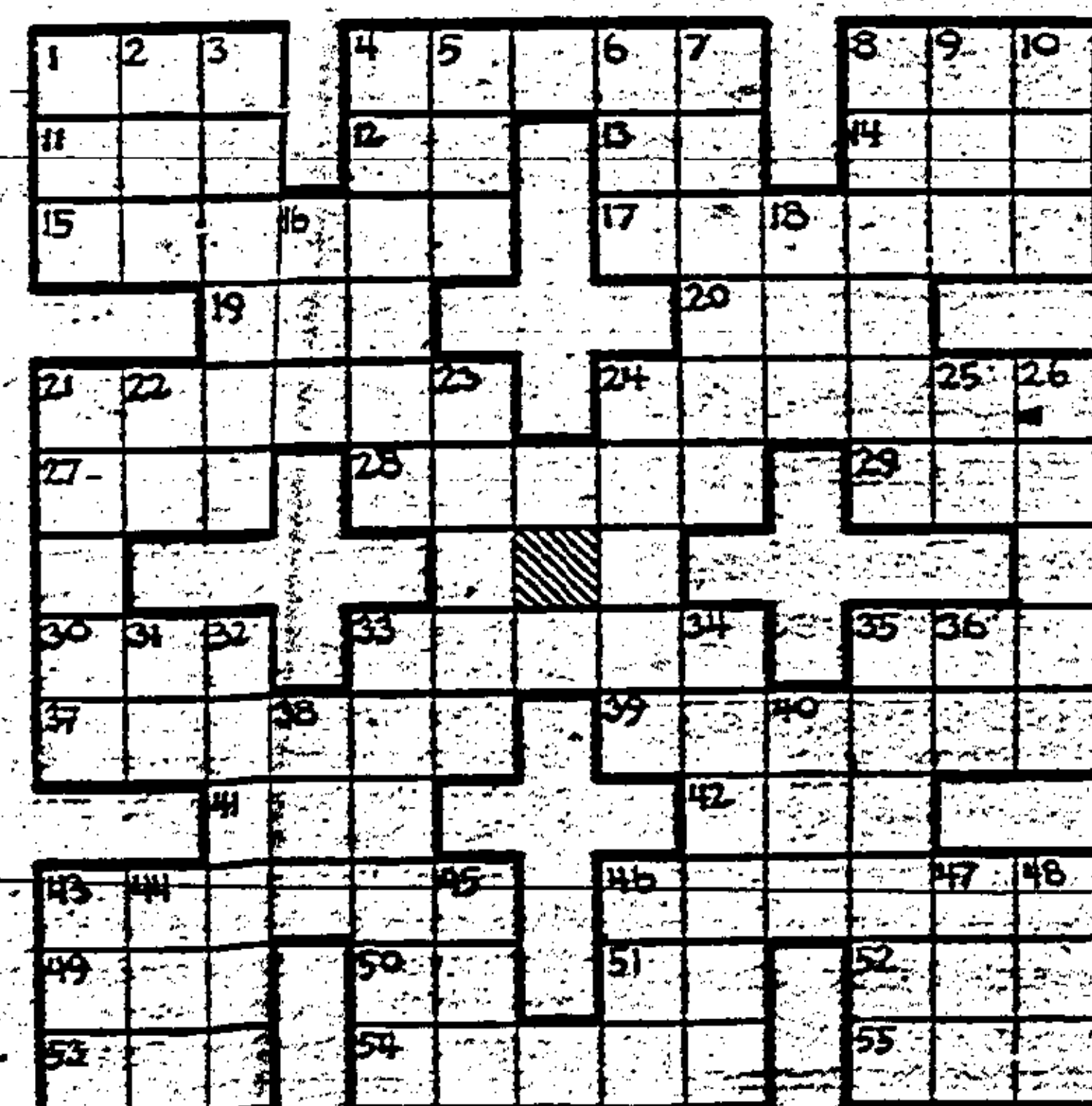
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## DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

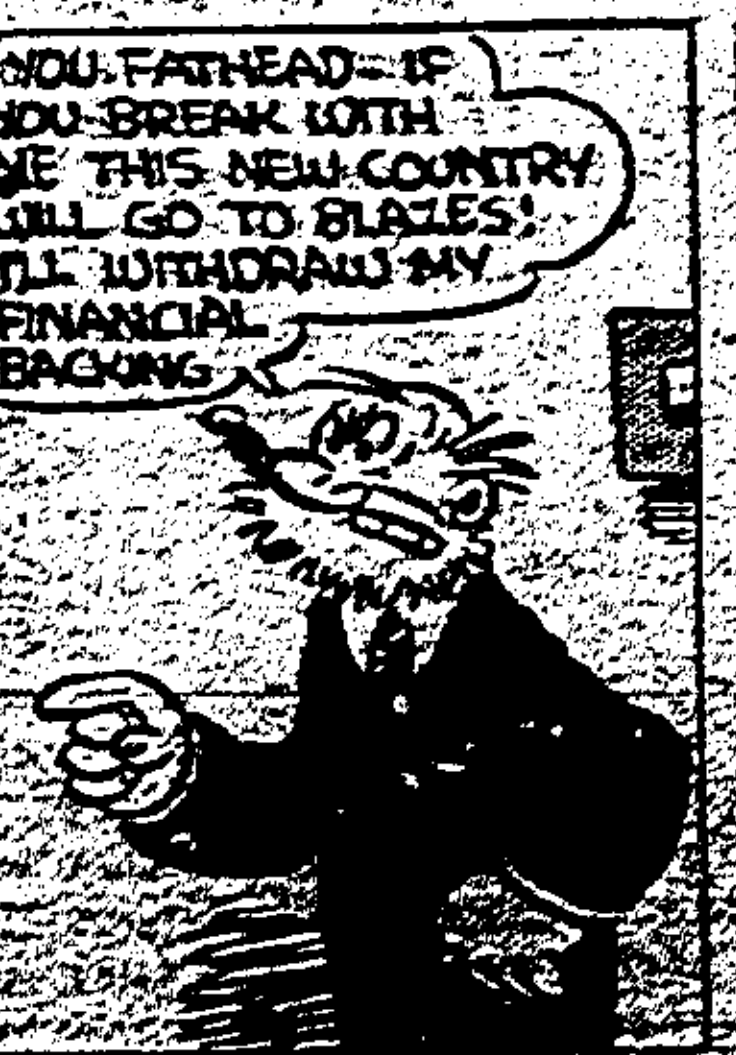
This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and alibi.



HORIZONTAL (Cont.)	HORIZONTAL (Cont.)	VERTICAL (Cont.)
1-Australia bird	35-Chooses	10-A fish
4-Twist	41-Large cask	16-Intersect (abbr.)
8-March	42-Unwieldy metal	18-Bird
11-Greek word for apple	43-Serves sparingly	21-Very fast
12-Conjunction	46-Wastes	22-Plural suffix
13-Intro	48-Part of a circle	23-Silence
14-Cute name	50-And (Lat.)	24-Silly
15-Trifling	51-That is (Lat., abbr.)	25-Father
17-Signify	52-Summit	26-Extends over
19-Terminology	53-A pastry	27-A negative
20-Nipped	54-Showers	28-Beginner
21-Rectified	55-Ocean	29-Symbol
24-Summit		30-Slander
27-Low-grade		31-Perfumes
28-Quarrel		32-Prone to
29-Firearm		33-Human being
30-Knock		34-Before
32-Tavern		35-Set of plants
33-Manufacturing city		36-Profess
34-Of Egypt		37-Stamp (abbr.)
35-Condensed		38-Wrong doing
		39-Female deer
		40-Mineral spring

The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue.

## POPEYE — "All Queens In Popeye's Deck"



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A. S. CAMPBELL, Commissioner of Chinese Customs, Kowloon and District, York Building, Hong Kong, 26th Dec. 1935.

#### NOTICE OF REMOVAL

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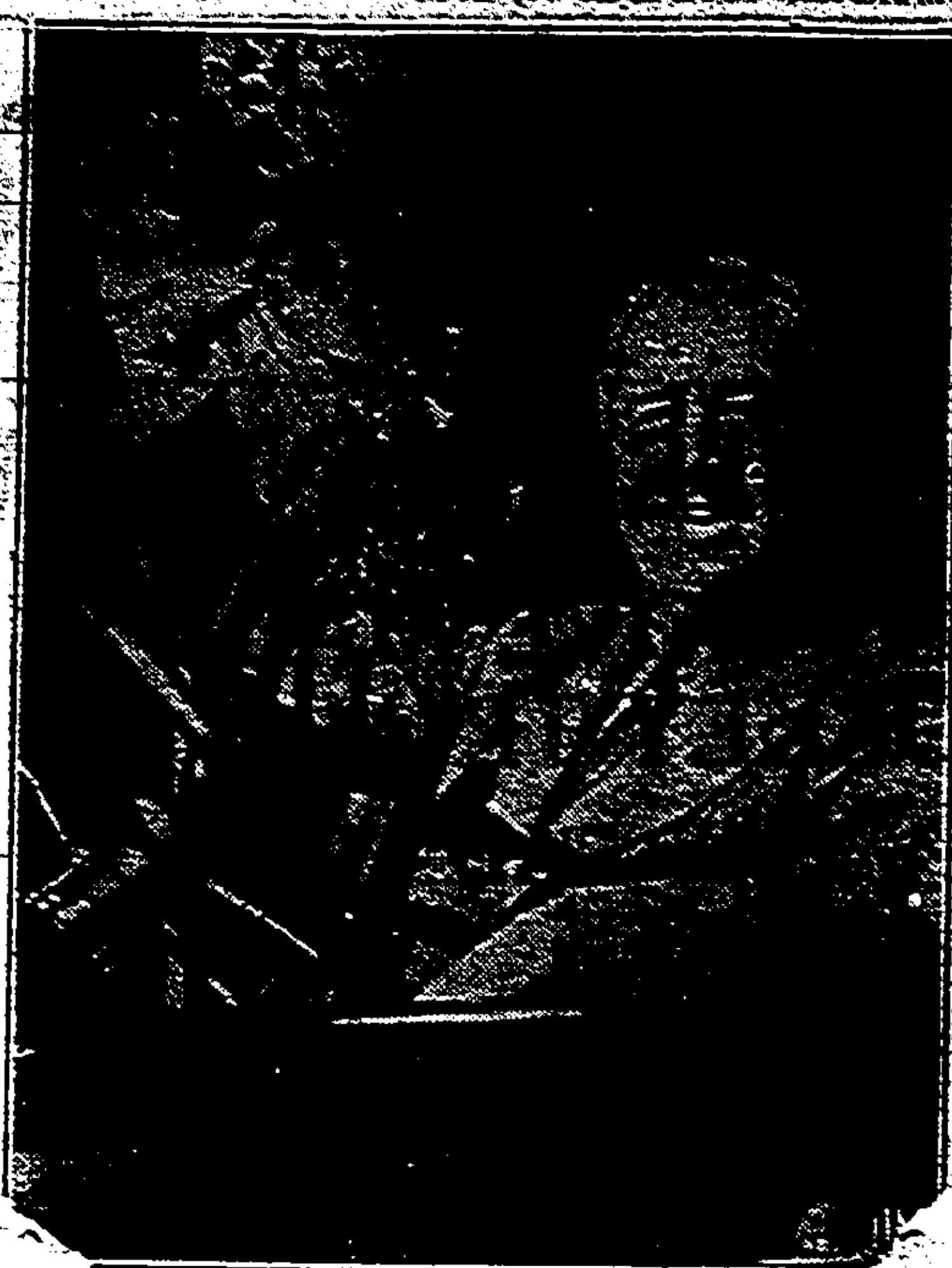
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President Roosevelt is shown smiling at the wheel of the specially constructed car which he drove around Warm Springs, Georgia, during his vacation there.

## ANOTHER RACKET IN NEW YORK MANY ARRESTED FOR "SHYLOCKING"

New York.—New York police have arrested 22 men alleged to be engaged in the "Shylock racket," the latest form of organized preying upon the public by gangsters.

Two of the men have been convicted of usury and face possible maximum sentences of three years' imprisonment. The remaining 20, some of whom are expected to plead guilty, are awaiting trial.

Evidence was produced that one of the convicted men obtained over \$180 from a furrier in interest and repayment of a year's loan of \$75. When the usurious interest was demanded, the furrier objected to paying, whereupon he was violently assaulted and threatened with further harm unless he changed his mind.

In another case interest of 1,040 per cent was paid on a \$25 loan while \$50 interest was demanded and extracted on a \$50 loan.

The method used by the gangsters is to grant small loans, ranging usually from a few dollars up to \$100, to minor employees in regular positions, afterwards forcing the payment of exorbitant interest by threats of violence which prove to be anything but idle.

Recent racket scandals, particularly in the gambling and money-lending fields, have led to the appointment of a special prosecutor, Mr. Thomas E. Dewey, to wage war against the gangsters responsible.

Frequently it has been found difficult to get persons victimized to testify, owing to fear of reprisals against them.—Reuter.

## BANKER WHO FORGOT TO TOUCH WOOD

Explains System Of Foiling Robbers

AND IS HELD UP

Chester, New York.—"There are so many banks and the percentage of them robbed is so small that it isn't likely that this bank will ever be held up," remarked the Treasurer of the Chester National Bank, as the President explained the new tear-gas system to foil robbers.

Just then a gun was thrust in his ribs.

"Lie down on the floor. This is a hold-up," was the command.

The Treasurer was so startled he forgot about the tear-gas release. The robbers escaped with \$3,000.

A passer-by saw them emerge. One carried a pistol, another a machine-gun, and the third a bag of money. He gave the alarm but the bandits escaped.—Reuter.

## ORCHESTRA FINANCES HORSE RACE

Concert To Raise Funds

ONLY WALTzes AND MARCHES PLAYED

Munich.—The world-famous Symphony Orchestra of the Munich opera is giving a gala "culture experiment" concert here this week to raise funds to finance the 1936 "Brown Derby" horse race.

Only waltzes and marches are to be played and the orchestra will be conducted in this "popular innovation" by Hans Knipper-Busch, most noted interpreter of Wagner music now in Germany.

Press notices give credit for the "happy thought" to Christian Weber, Stormtroop chief and new President of the local racing clubs. The "Brown Derby" was introduced by Munich Nazi chiefs.—Reuter.

## Man Sentenced To Custody Of Wife For Life

Salt Lake City, Utah.—A 65-year-old man, J. E. Caldwell, has been sentenced to spend the remainder of his life in the custody of his wife.

The sentence was imposed after conviction on a charge of manslaughter following a car accident. Judge Evans, imposing the sentence, said:

"The judgment and sentence of this court is that you spend the remainder of your days in your

## Amusements

### Cinema Notes

#### "ALICE ADAMS"—KING'S THEATRE

An intensely interesting character study of life in a small mid-western community is presented by Katharine Hepburn in "Alice Adams." Its human interest should strike a responsive chord in the hearts of all.

The production achieves its success through the genius of Miss Hepburn, whose portrayal of the sensitive, ambitious daughter of a poor provincial family in the mid-west is a triumph of subtle artistry rarely achieved by any star. Her gallant courage, her pathetic pretence to cover her heartaches at the snubs administered by the elite of the community are portrayed with a finesse and dramatic repression which marks her as one of the outstanding actresses of the day.

#### "PICTURE SNATCHER"—QUEEN'S THEATRE

James Cagney has never been better than he is in this picture. He has a role that gives ample scope for his "tough guy," wisecracking antics.

Fresh from prison, and fully acquainted with all the best known illegal methods of entering houses, Cagney proves to be an ideal "picture snatcher," namely, a photographer who makes it his business to take pictures of prominent people in compromising surroundings or positions. Although practically unknown elsewhere, this form of journalism is—or was—quite common in the United States.

Alice White and Patricia Ellis are the feminine attractions.

#### "LITTLE BIG SHOT"—ALHAMBRA THEATRE

The four-star cast of "Little Big Shot" is headed by Sybil Jason and includes Glenda Farrell, Robert Armstrong and Edward Everett Horton. Sybil is the new baby star, five- and a half years old, who was born in Capetown, South Africa, taken to London by her uncle, a famous producer, where she made an instantaneous hit, and stole the two shows in which she appeared, "Barnacle Bill" and "Dance Band."

Her success was so marked that Warner Bros. signed her to play the stellar role in "Little Big Shot" in which she sings, dances and mimics, and she astonished Hollywood by her talented acting. She is responsible for much of the laughter, as well as the tender scenes in the picture.

#### "STAR OF MIDNIGHT"—STAR THEATRE

Debonair William Powell and the delectable Ginger Rogers are teamed for the first time in "Star of Midnight." Powell is seen as a brilliant attorney. Miss Rogers plays a young society beauty who knows a thing or two about getting her man.

Romance and subtle comedy vie with mystery and thrills in the clever modern drama with a background of New York society, stage life and strata of the underworld.

#### "ONE MORE SPRING"—MAJESTIC THEATRE

"One More Spring" is a highly interesting story of modern life with the depression and the difficulty of finding employment as the central theme. The picture concerns the lives of four people who meet for the first time on a park bench. All four are tired with the hopeless task of trying to find a job. Each view their trouble from a different angle, however. Warner Baxter and Janet Gaynor star.

#### "CHARLIE CHAN IN EGYPT"—ORIENTAL THEATRE

The lovable Chinese detective, as portrayed by Warner Oland, goes to Egypt with its mysteries and puzzles, for the solution of his latest murder tangle. "A supernatural strain" runs through the picture, but all that is strange is satisfactorily explained before the end is reached. "Pat" Patterson and Stepin Fetchitt are in support.

## BRIDGE NOTES

### Pyrotechnics In Bidding

By Ely Culbertson

Sometimes players will throw all rules to the wind when defending a slam contract on the theory that declarer has discounted that possibility and is figuring on a normal opening. Occasionally, such procedure proves successful, but in the majority of cases it will bring disaster.

In the hand below the normal lead would defeat the contract badly, but West erred and declarer made his contract.

South, Dealer  
Neither side vulnerable

North:—  
S—Q J 4  
H—A 4  
D—Q J 10 8 3 2  
C—K 10

West:—  
S—10 5  
H—Q 10 5 3  
D—7 6  
C—Q J 7 6 5

East:—  
S—9 8 2  
H—K J 9 2  
D—A 6  
C—A 9 8 4

South:—  
S—A K 7 6 5  
H—8 7 6  
D—K 9 4  
C—S 2

The bidding: (Figures after bids refer to numbered explanatory paragraphs.)

1 S West 2 North East  
1 S Pass 2 D (1) Pass  
2 S Pass 4 S (2) Pass  
Pass Pass

1—In the Culbertson System this takeout is a one-round force.  
2—North knows that it is useless to bid merely three spades. He must decide at once whether he wants the hand to be played at game.

At several tables of a Duplicate game South played four spades, going down one in every case because the opening lead was uniformly the Queen of clubs. At one table the North-South pair had delusions of grandeur, and arrived at six spades. Alas for theory! South made contract!

At this table the West player, overawed by a display of bidding pyrotechnics, feared to open from his honours in hearts or clubs. East had doubled six spades with gusto, and West—rather thought that East wanted a diamond opening. West therefore started off with the diamond seven. East won with the Ace, and after a look at dummy saw no reason to be apprehensive. Instead of cashing his club Ace he boldly returned the diamond in the hope that West could ruff.

South stepped up with the King of diamonds and then took four rounds of trumps. North letting go the heart four. A parade of diamonds followed, and the end situation was very distressing to the opponents. North was left with the two clubs and the blank Ace of hearts. South held two hearts and the last trump. In order to prevent the establishment of a club trick by the lead of the King or of the ten and ruff by South of East's Ace, both opponents were obliged to hold two clubs. (But if they consequently peeled down to a singleton heart each, dummy would cash the heart Ace, leaving South with a long heart and a trump for entry. There was no defence against this malevolent trump squeeze after East had failed to grab his second Ace.)

### NATIVE GOODS IN CANTON

Canton, Saturday.—The Canton Women's Association will sponsor a Native Goods Campaign which will last from January 5 to 11. During the campaign period great propaganda work will be carried on, with the sole aim of raising a demand for native goods among the people.—Central Press.

### \$100,000 "NULSON" DELAYED

A train taking her silver worth \$100,000 from London to Liverpool for shipment to New York was delayed near Stafford by an overcast day.

## RADIO

### TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

The following programme will be broadcast today from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres. (345 K.C.S.)

VIOLIN AND TENOR RECITAL FROM THE STUDIO  
"The Continental Trio"  
12.30-2.15 p.m.—European Programme  
12.30 p.m.—Recorded Music  
1 p.m.—Local Time and Weather Report

1.30 p.m.—Reuter Press Bulletin, Rugby Press News, etc.  
2.15 p.m.—Close Down  
4.45 p.m.—Chinese Studio Concert  
7.11 p.m.—European Programme  
7.15 p.m.—"The Continental Trio" (Schumann) (Op. 115)  
7.15-7.45 p.m.—From the Studio  
"The Continental Trio"  
7.45-8 p.m.—Hawaiian Music  
Sweet Hawaiian Ocean Girl—Waltz  
Underneath Blue Hawaiian Skies  
On a Little Street in Honolulu—Waltz  
Oh! Honolulu  
8 p.m.—Stars are gleaming  
8.30 p.m.—Local Time and Weather Report  
Closing Local Stock Quotations

8.45-9.30 p.m.—From the Studio  
"A Little about the Dutch East Indies" by Mr. D. V. Stevenson  
9.30 p.m.—Light Orchestral Music

At the Tchaikovsky Fountain (Urban)  
Chinese Street Serenade (Slide)  
Japanese Lantern Dance (Gostom)  
Wedded Whimsies (arr. Alfred)  
Narcissus (Nevia)  
Spring Song (Mendelssohn)  
9.45 p.m.—A Relay of the Daventry News Bulletin. (Copyright by Reuter)  
9.45-9.50 p.m.—Harry Roy and his Tiger Ragtime  
Waltz Medley  
2. For that Medley, Nos. 3 and 4  
3. I don't mean a thing. Happy Feet. Everybody loves my baby. I got rhythm.  
9.50-10 p.m.—From the Studio  
A Recital by Li Chor Chi (Tenor) and Truc Lewis (Violin)

1. Songs:  
Bois Epais ..... Lily  
Where'er you Walk ..... Handel  
2. Waltz Solo:  
English Dance ..... E. J. Dale  
Birth of June ..... McEwen  
3. Songs:  
Torna a Surriento ..... De Curtis  
Una Furtiva Lagrima from "L'Elisir d'Amore" ..... Puccini  
Waltz Solo:  
Molly on the Shore ..... Percy Grainger  
Pantaleone Gavotte ..... Rimsky-Korsakov  
5. Songs:  
Elgar  
One Fleeting Hour ..... G. Lee  
10 p.m.—Big Ben—Reuter Press Bulletin  
10.05-10.45 p.m.—Dance Music  
10.45-11 p.m.—A Relay from Daventry  
"An Exile's Notebook." A tale by Tony Meines  
11 p.m.—Close Down

## BANDITS NORTH OF PEIPING

Clash With Northern Forces

### HEAVY ENGAGEMENTS

Peiping, Saturday.  
Bandits, numbering more than 2,000 strong, under the command of Liu Kwei-lang, are extremely active in the districts along the Peiping-Suyuan Railway north of Peiping, according to advices reaching here this afternoon.

It is understood that these bandits arrived at the town of Henglinze, about 40 li from the Nan-kou Pass on the Ping-Sui line, yesterday, and there they clashed with the Peace Preservation Corps sent for their suppression. After heavy engagements, the bandits were reported to have fled in a northerly direction along the railway.—Central News Agency.

### JAPANESE OFFICERS VISIT PEIPING BY PLANE

Peiping, Saturday.  
Two Japanese officers arrived here from Tientsin this morning by plane. Immediately after their arrival they proceeded to the Japanese Embassy.—Central News Agency.



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## PLUCKY INNINGS AT H.K.C.C.

### ARMY SCORE FREELY AGAINST CLUB

#### MADAR BOWLS WELL FOR I.R.C.

(By L.B.W.)

AS was generally expected at the close of play on the first day (Boxing Day), the Triangular Tournament cricket match between the Hong Kong Cricket Club and the Army (which was continued on Saturday) ended in a draw, the Club still needing 79 runs with 9 wickets in hand when stumps were drawn on Saturday.

It was a pity that no more than one-and-a-half days could be allotted to the match for, with two strong teams like the Club and Army, it is almost impossible to play a match to a finish in anything less than three days, always providing, of course, that neither of the sides collapsed!

The Army won the toss and in the absence of Major Bonavia, who usually opens the innings for them, Capt. Welch sent out Lt. J. P. Williams and C. S. M. Elvin—the latter their regular No. 11 man! Elvin, however, showed his versatility in no uncertain manner by making 75 runs and figuring in two century partnerships—106 for the first wicket with Williams and 103 for the second with Lt. E. M. Dawson.

A. C. Beck (Naval Yard end) and H. Owen Hughes opened the bowling for the Club. Elvin played defensive cricket and was content to leave the scoring to his partner who has done much better than he has done for some time. Runs came slowly but surely, and at 48 Alec Pearce relieved Owen Hughes, only to see the latter drop Elvin off his first ball!

#### Dawson's Lively Display

The Club met with their first success at 106 when Williams (53) was bowled by Pearce, but better things for the Army were to follow, for Lt. E. M. Dawson, who was next in, went for the bowling to such an extent that he had almost overtaken Elvin by the time he was out for 67. He hit a beautiful sixer off Pearce and eight boundaries.

E. B. Duckitt was given his first spell with the ball after tiffin, though he might have been used to advantage a little earlier. As it was he began with making the ball rise awkwardly so that both batsmen had to be careful when playing him. When the 200 was signalled Hayward gave the new ball to Beck, who met with immediate success, getting Dawson caught in the gully by Tam Pearce.

Lt. Garthwaite started brimful of confidence, but, after getting two away to the leg boundary in fine style, he put up a dolly catch to Owen Hughes at second slip. Then Elvin played on to Duckitt. His was a very patient knock, but all the same it was a very creditable one, for he had had to deal with the Club bowlers when they were fresh.

#### Innings Declared

Beck bowled Lt. Johnson with a beauty, but after that Capt. Pearce hit very hard and often to score 35, which included a six and 6 fours. At 250 Owen Hughes came on again and shortly after he bowled Ballard. The Army skipper declared his innings closed with 277 for 7.

T. E. Pearce and E. B. Duckitt started the innings for the Club against—Garthwaite (Supreme Court End) and Ballard. Runs came steadily, but when he appeared to have got his eye in Pearce was caught behind the sticks by Herbert off Garthwaite. Alec Pearce came—and went—for two runs, being bowled by Ballard, but after that Owen Hughes and Duckitt both played good cricket to carry the score to 107 without further loss, stumps being drawn at that total.

#### Saturday's Play

When the game was resumed on Saturday the Club lost another wicket (Owen Hughes) at 133, the outgoing batsman adding only four runs to his previous score. Duckitt reached his 50 at 1.45 p.m., while A. W. Hayward, the newcomer, started off with a neat leg glance off Garthwaite for a four. He brought off a few really pretty shots, but was caught at short leg (by Lt. Johnson) when attempting to send Garthwaite to the leg boundary once to open. I. McInnes was all but bowled by Garthwaite as soon as he reached the crease, while Duckitt almost threw his wicket away in attempting a very short run. About this time the wicket was popping up a bit, the balls getting up awkwardly, and McInnes cocked up one to give the wicket-keeper a catch. Herbert, however, had to run towards square leg to get to the ball.

Garthwaite bowls well. Duckitt brought his total up slowly, but at 15 he stepped in front of a straight one from Garthwaite and was given marching orders. Garthwaite bowled extremely well at this stage, his last nine overs yielding only 15 runs for one wicket. Duckitt was at the wicket for 27½ hours, during which time he hit 10 boundaries.

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## FUSILIERS WIN SENIOR LEAGUE SOCCER CLASH

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### EASTERN ENTER JUNIOR SHIELD SECOND ROUND

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#### A Splendid Goal

On the resumption, the Eastern again attacked and within five minutes Lee Bing-tong scored with a splendid shot from a pass from Cheng Shui-hong.

M. Sabhan worked hard on the left-wing throughout the game and only the good defensive work of Cheuk Pak-wing and Tang Chung-pak, the South China backs, prevented further scoring. Sammy Tsang in the South China goal performed yeoman service, clearing many shots which looked certain, but the South China forwards lacked combination.

Sui Ping-shun, the Eastern centre-half, must be commended for his able and constructive game. South China—Sammy Tsang; Cheung Pak-wing and Tang Chung-pak; Sui Kit-man, Yeung Chi-chung and Ho Chi-wing; Wong Wa-gai, Tse Foon, Ip Koon-ning, Lan Tin-san and Kwok Lan-yoi.

The Eastern—Ip Yun-fook; Ng Ying-kay and Chau Koon-ping; Tsang Tsun-wan, Sui Ping-shun and Cheung Kwok-choi; Lee Bing-tong, Chan Ping-to, Cheng Shui-hong, Sung Ling-sing and M. Sabhan.

Harrison, catching the ball on the rebound from a partial save by Harmsworth, crashed home the first goal.

#### Sandford Equalises

Almost immediately afterwards the East Lanes retaliated. Ridings on the left-wing, centred, but Rowlands pushed the ball out to Sandford, who equalised with a fine header.

On the resumption, the East Lanes, again attacked strongly and after 15 minutes Horner sent the East Lanes ahead following a short melee in front of the Welch goal.

The Fusilier forwards made a remarkable recovery and, by sheer hard work, forced their way through the East Lanes defence, enabling Evans to equalise.

#### Fusiliers Ahead

From the restart, the Fusiliers again attacked and Evans netted with a fine kick from 15 yards. The East Lanes broke away from the kick off, but Sandford had hard luck with a close shot which rebounded off the upright.

Beating Thorpe and Steele, Cockley crashed in a wonderful final goal of the match.

East Lanes—Harmsworth; Swain and Steele; Thorpe, Gorman, Eckersley; Smith, Sandford, Lawton, Horner and Ridings.

Fusiliers—Rowlands; Wheeler and Keating; Wanklyn, Talbot and Jones; Hughes, Harrison, Cockley, Evans and Roberts.



Johnny Kelly, durable Arlington, Mass. marathon runner, seems certain of inclusion in the American Olympic team after winning the Boston marathon and the long grind at Yonkers, New York. He has beaten the best long distance runners in America since he came into prominence two years ago.

## LOCAL FOOTBALL

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### Tables To Date

FIRST DIVISION									
	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	Goals	
S. China "A"	9	9	0	0	33	9	18		
Fusiliers	13	7	2	4	31	21	18		
Police	12	7	2	3	35	16	17		
Lincolns	11	4	2	5	30	29	13		
Recreio	11	4	3	4	20	16	12		
Club	12	5	5	2	27	24	12		
Athletic	9	4	2	3	14	7	11		
S. China "B"	7	3	0	4	12	7	10		
Navy	9	3	0	6	7	22	10		
East Lanes	10	3	5	1	16	23	9		
St. Joseph's	12	4	7	1	22	36	9		
Kowloon	11	2	8	1	18	30	5		
R.A. (Lyemian)	11	1	9	1	20	40	3		
R.A. (Scuttlers)	13	1	11	1	10	49	3		
Totals	150	60	60	30	320	320	150		

SECOND DIVISION									
	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	Goals	
East Lanes	12	9	0	3	43	12	21		
Fusiliers	12	7	1	4	47	10	19		
Lincolns	12	8	2	2	28	12	19		
Navy	9	7	1	1	46	16	15		
South China	11	7	3	1	32	18	15		
R.A. S.C. & R.A. O.C.	12	7	4	1	37	23	15		
Engineers	12	6	4	2	26	19	14		
Athletic	11	4	4	3	19	22	11		
Eastern	11	2	6	3	20	27	7		
Recreio	10	3	7	0	19	33	6		
Club	13	2	9	2	22	45	6		
Kowloon	13	2	10	1	8	58	5		
University	10	1	7	2	13	50	4		
Radio	10	1	8	1	14	39	3		
Totals	158	66	66	26	384	384	158		

THIRD DIVISION									
	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	Goals	
Fusiliers	12	9	1	2	42	16	20		
Chinese Police	11	8	2	1	26	14	17		
East Lanes	10	6	1	3	28	18	15		
Air Force	12	6	4	2	34	21	14		
Medicals	11	5	3	3	28	21	13		
Lincolns	10	6	4	0	30	20	12		
Liga Portuguesa	9	4	5	0	25	22	8		
Engineers	10	3	5	2	18	17	8		
European Police	11	3	8	0	19	33	6		
St. Joseph's	11	2	8	1	19	36	5		
Railway	11	0	11	0	4	53	0		
Totals	118	52	52	14	273	273	118		

### POLICE BEAT NAVY WITH TWO "GIFT" GOALS

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It was a very clean game, one of the best played so far this season, and, except for two "hands" and a few "off-sides", there was little whistle-blowing.

The Navy opened the scoring after two minutes play, Cannell netting with a beautiful ground shot from 20 yards.

A misunderstanding ten minutes later between Roberts and Regier allowed Moss to score easily from 10 yards out.

#### Police In The Lead

The Police took the lead after 15 minutes play in the second-half. Begier fumbled a clearance near the half-way line to allow Johnston a clear run through the Police centre scoring easily from near the penalty spot. In the next minute Moss centred for Johnston to score with a fine left-footed drive.

Chris Pitt handled in front of goal, but Wearmouth failed with the "spot-kick".

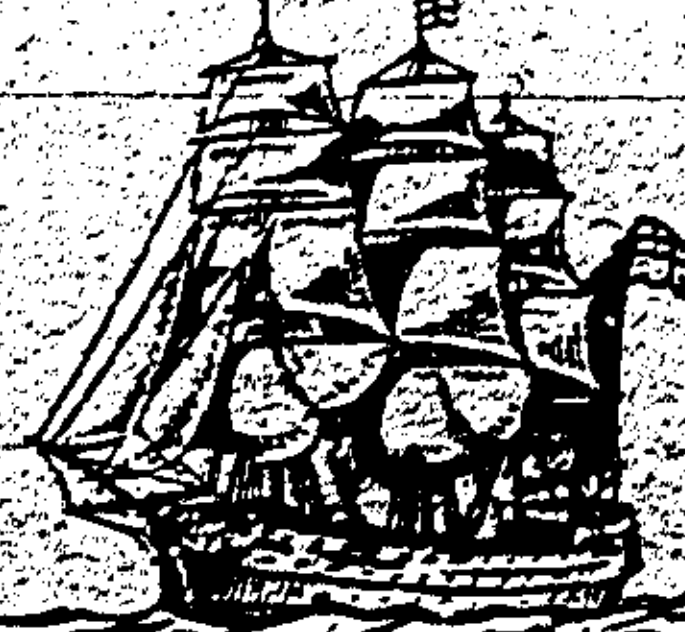
Taking a pass from T. Pile 35 yards out, Johnston loomed high into the goalmouth, the ball entering the net just below the bar to complete his "hat-trick".

Police: McHardy, Blackburn, Pitt, North, Gough, Parker, T. Pile, Stephens, Johnston, Brooks and Moss. Navy: Roberts, Wray, Regier, Clarkson, Connell, Bowyer, Phoenix, Baxter, Jones, Crawford and Wearmouth.

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### The Meaning Of An Oil Embargo

The crucial question before the nations is whether they will support the proposed embargo against Italy upon supplies of oil. The progress of Italy's campaign in Abyssinia depends on her oil supplies. Any shortage would seriously cripple the movement of her columns: a stoppage would reduce her mechanised army to an immobility which must result in humiliation and retirement. The sanctions already in operation principally affect the home population of Italy: an oil sanction collectively undertaken and enforced would, in time, paralyse the grandiose overseas expedition on which Signor Mussolini has staked the present prestige of Italy and with it her position in Europe for the near future. The League decision, when it is made, may have a momentous effect on the situation.

It is an open secret that one or two British Ministers are opposed to an oil sanction, their chief argument being the danger of a sudden extension of the conflict involving England through some outburst of Italian exasperation. The more powerful argument, till recently, was that unless all the leading oil-producing countries, both inside and outside the League, agreed to withhold oil supplies, the sanction would be ineffective, because any one of the six leading producers could supply all Italy's needs. But the declaration of Mr. Cordell Hull and some of the leading oil magnates in the U.S. encourage the belief that while American opinion might not favour an identic or common oil policy with Geneva, it would support a parallel and complementary policy. The U.S. Administration has sufficiently defined its interpretation of neutrality. It is not in a position to enforce an actual embargo, nor will it be, until Congress meets at the beginning of the New Year, even if an embargo were considered desirable. But strong moral suasion might be brought to bear upon the American oil exporters. Even if they continued to export, but not greatly in excess of the normal quantities, the plight of Italy's mechanised forces would soon become sufficiently grave.

If this correctly interprets the American attitude it is likely to carry great weight. The prime object of the suggested oil sanction is not to produce an Italian disaster—that is the last thing desired—but to bring pressure to bear upon Signor Mussolini to call off the campaign upon reasonable terms. It may be said that the Duce cannot afford to negotiate now, since that would be tantamount to an admission of failure. The Duce can always afford, without derogation of prestige, to talk with the British and French Governments through their respective Ambassadors, and as a member of the League of Nations Italy can always enter into discussions with other members of the Council. The real point in this connection is whether the object of hastening effective peace negotiations will be served or hindered by a decision to lay an embargo on oil. Whatever the first explosion of Italian wrath—the flash-point of which in these days of strain is rather low—most people be-

### EXPLANATION OF SATURDAY'S CARTOON

#### THE LOUDEST NOISE

KRAKATOA is a volcano on the island of Pula Rakiatu in the Sunda Strait between Sumatra and Java. It was here that on the night of August 26/27, 1883, the whole power of the Pacific came to grips with the unchained might of the inner fires of the earth. The result was the most stupendous explosion in all history. Two hundred and fifty billion cubic feet of dust, ashes and stones were hurled 17 miles into the air, and distributed all over the globe by the upper air currents.

Sunsets and sunrises are to this very day still coloured by these emanations from Krakatoa. The sound travelled to the island of Rodriguez, 3,000 miles away. The seawaves caused by the tremendous explosion travelled 11,000 miles to the English Channel. The disturbance covered the earth seven times. The day was dark all over the world. 35,000 people lost their lives.

The noise of Krakatoa is estimated at 190 decibels. (The decibel is a unit that expresses the smallest change the ear can detect in the level of sound). An aeroplane engine is computed at 125 decibels, while the rustling of a leaf equals 17, and the purring of a cat 25 decibels.

### BOY BURIED ALIVE

#### Terrible Accident In New York

New York: Trapped without warning while they dug a cave in the steep side of a hill in Riverside Park, New York, two small boys were overwhelmed by a landslide which buried one of them alive and the other up to his neck. Hundreds of horrified men and women watched frantic efforts at rescue by police and Park Department employees. For 40 minutes they worked feverishly to extricate the lads. They saved Victor Arnan, aged 10, the boy who was only partially buried, but when they reached the other, Thomas Walters, 13 years old, he was dead.

In the dusk, and with the aid of portable searchlights, doctors, worked over Walters for an hour but were unable to revive him.—Reuter.

### FOOLED HIM BY 20 YEARS

#### Aggrieved Husband's Appeal

Hopewell, N. Y.: She fooled him by 20 years!

So says Mr. J. S. Spence of his bride of a short while ago. She told him she was 35 but alas! he found she was 55—at least, that is his basis for seeking an annulment of the marriage.

Mr. Spence, who is 34, has taken his suit to the State Supreme Court.—Reuter.

### FATHER'S PLACE IN THE HOME

"My husband generally looks after the children. In his spare time he looks for work"—A woman at Willesden.

lieve that the object which all sanctionist countries earnestly desire will be served and not hindered. That the present situation would inevitably arise has been foreseen from the beginning. Presumably, therefore, all possible contingencies have been taken into account, and M. Laval's declaration to Signor Cerruti recently, that France would be bound to support the oil sanction if adopted by the League Committee, combined with his co-operative policy that can reasonably be expected from the United States, should materially assist the League in its decision. Any lack of nerve would be fatal to the whole policy of collective and effective sanctions, which the British people endorsed with practical unanimity at the recent election.

### Here There and Everywhere

#### RADIO NATIONS

Radio Nations, the League wireless station whence any instructions would be transmitted to League members in the event of a decision to apply sanctions against Italy, is only in part a League station.

It is owned and controlled jointly by the League and by the Societe Radio-Suisse, to which the League pays \$500 gold a year towards maintenance expenses.

By agreement with the Swiss Government and with Radio Suisse, Radio Nations comes in time of crisis under the direct control of the Secretary-General of the League.

#### IN TWO PARTS

In normal times it may be, and is, used for ordinary commercial traffic. This fact caused some criticism in the League Assembly some years ago from the Italian delegates, who feared that anti-Fascist matter might be broadcast under apparently League auspices.

Radio Nations was completed early in 1932, and was extensively used during the League discussions of Manchuria.

It is in two parts. The receiving stations are at Colarex, a suburb of Geneva. The transmitters are some 15 miles from Geneva at Prangins, where the ex-Empress Charles of Austria sought refuge in 1919.

### Your Daily Smile!

#### NOT SO DUMB

There was a young lady named Cholmondeley,  
Who was never known to act dolmondeley.

She went to the sea,  
To bathe and be free,  
And came back looking even more dolmondeley.

#### Ideal Achievement

The Normandie broke the transatlantic speed record without two thirds trying. It is predicted that some day she will make the round trip within the life of a single French cabinet.

#### He Forgot

A certain criminal evaded detection for many months by disguising himself as a woman. His disguise was not discovered until a smart young policeman saw him pass a milliner's shop without stopping.

#### Shrewd

The shoe dealer was hiring a clerk. "Suppose," he said, "a lady customer were to remark while you were trying to fit her, 'Don't you think one of my feet is bigger than the other?' What would you say?" "I should say, 'On the contrary, madam, one is smaller than the other.'"

#### What I Mean

One of the claims of a certain professional strong man is that he is able to lift three fully grown women. Most husbands find it as much as they can do to support one.

### OLDEN-DAY CULT OF DIRT

### GENERALLY ALLIED TO ASCETICISM

### MORE PHILOSOPHICAL ATTITUDE IN OTHER DAYS

(By Very Rev. W. R. Inge, D.D.)

DIRT has been defined as

matter in the wrong place. It is not a very good definition. For instance, when I come back from a holiday, and find that the housemaid has been at my books, they are all in their wrong places, but not dirty.

The word dirt implies a feeling of disgust. Metaphorically, we speak of a dirty book or dirty conduct, and all languages use the adjective metaphorically in much the same sense. It is difficult to analyse this feeling of disgust. It may be aroused by associations which affect some people and not others.

A Roman Catholic lady, when a bishop introduced his wife, turned her back and exclaimed, "Degoutant!" A Hindu, after learning with horror that Englishmen actually put into their mouths an instrument made of the bone of a dog, and the bristles of a pig, regarded our countrymen ever after as people of unutterably dirty habits.

For some obscure reason we dislike touching small living creatures—mice, rats, frogs and spiders—but this repulsion is often overcome. The dislike of vermin is much greater than it used to be, and has no doubt been increased by the fear of microbes.

#### Dark Middle Ages

In the Middle Ages they did not mind. The asscock of St. Francis was in an awful state, and so was the underclothing of St. Thomas a Becket. Cardinal Bellarmine would not allow his little guests to be disturbed, on the ground that, as they have no future life, they ought to be given a good time in this.

madam, one is smaller than the other."

"The job is yours."

What I Mean:  
One of the claims of a certain professional strong man is that he is able to lift three fully grown women. Most husbands find it as much as they can do to support one.

Even Samuel Pepys and his wife, in the reign of Charles II, were "very merry" when they found that they had been sleeping in a lousy bed.

Even now, in parts of South and East Europe, some of these little pests are taken philosophically. The fact is that wherever water is scarce cleanliness is difficult.

The deliberate cult of dirtiness as a thing pleasing to God is one of the most amazing things in social history, and makes us realise what a queer religion Christianity was 1,500 years ago.

#### Ascetic Movement

No one will suggest that it has anything to do with real Christianity. It was part of a great ascetic movement, the beginnings of which can be traced in the first century, and which gradually captured the Church. It evidently sprang from deep psychological causes, which perhaps have not been fully explained.

A horror and disgust at the very idea of sex led those who aspired to the higher degrees of sanctity to hate their own bodies.

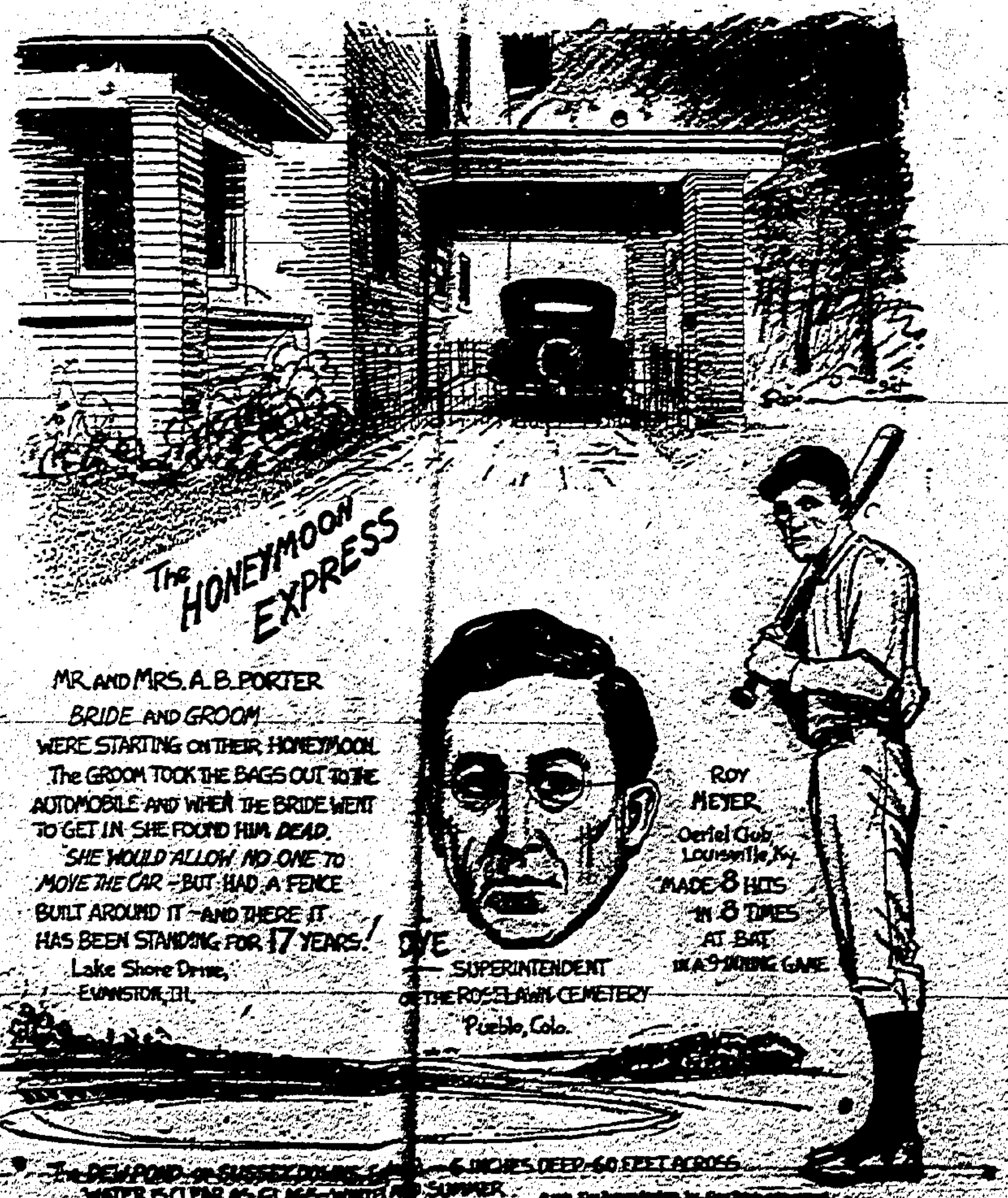
St. Francis, when he was dying prematurely of his austerities, confessed that he had been too hard upon "my brother the ass." The cleanliness of the body, as Lecky says, was regarded as a pollution of the soul, and the saints who were most admired had become one hideous mass of clotted filth. St. Antony the hermit, says St. Athanasius with enthusiasm, never washed his feet.

Abraham, another hermit, never washed his face either, and we are surprised to hear that "his countenance reflected the purity of his soul." Another saint had never seen himself naked.

We hear of a convent of 130 nuns who shuddered at the mention of a bath. St. Augustine, who was a cultivated

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### "BELIEVE IT OR NOT" by Robert L. Ripley





## FAMOUS RACE

### "OLD CROCKS" IN LONDON TO BRIGHTON RUN

Fifty Miles An Hour By 33-Year-Old

SIXTY-EIGHT FINISH OUT OF NINETY-NINE

Brighton.  
Traffic signals nearly finished off some of the "old crocks" which took part in the annual run from London to Brighton on November 18.

Like the proverbial "old crocks," they were all right so long as they kept going, but their ancient cars and engines resented constant pulling up and starting. On the level most of them ran comparatively smoothly and were applauded by thousands who assembled on the route.

The run celebrates the abolition of the four-mile-per-hour speed limit and the man with the flag. Ninety-nine cars, all 30 years old or more, set out on this year's run, and 68 succeeded in reaching Brighton within the prescribed time limit.

First to arrive was a 32-year-old Napier driven by Mr. George Eyre, a Barnsley motor engineer. The car covered the distance from London to the borough boundary here in 1 hr. 50 min. At times, Mr. Eyre told me, he was travelling at between 50 and 52 miles per hour.

A Sturdy Veteran  
"I outstripped dozens of new cars on the road and was easily able to hold my own on the steep, steep hills without once having to drop into bottom gear," he said. Mr. Eyre first bought his car in 1902. He sold it in 1908, and then in 1923 rescued it from a rubbish-heap at Gillingham, Kent.

The oldest car to take part in the run was Mr. C. H. Perrin's Cannstatt Daimler, built in 1894. When Mr. J. K. Moss, of Cambridge, struggled in his 1909 Crestmobile, he said: "We had trouble all the way, first with the chains and then with the valves. Conditions were terrible. We passed a number who had 'fallen by the wayside'."

Nearly all the competitors and their passengers, many of whom were women, arrived soaked to the skin. There was only one woman driver, Miss F. Jarrett, who drove a 1901 Dux, which was in its original condition.

### R.A.O.C. & R.A.S.C. WIN SPLENDID GAME FROM R.E.

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Of the Engineers' side, the halves and full-backs deserve any praise due, all of whom were severely tested throughout.

Except for the opening stages of the game, during which they opened in grand style, very little can be said of the Sapper forwards, their combined efforts being far too slow.

#### An Early Goal

At the commencement, the Engineers launched an immediate attack and a good movement between Derby and Craig down the left wing resulted in the latter flashing across a splendid low centre which Coover, the Corps' keeper, partially cleared, but Beal, following up, had no difficulty in placing the ball into an open goal.

Following several unsuccessful attempts, the Combined Corps eventually brought the scores level as the result of a good movement down the centre. Beal sent Prince away, and from his centre Clarke scored with a splendid curling shot which had Sellick hopelessly beaten.

#### The Deciding Goal

The second half was decidedly in the Combined Corps' favour, and the Sappers' goal was continually in danger.

Prince and Duffield were mainly responsible for the move which resulted in the Combined Corps taking the lead. The former, receiving a clearance kick, worked his way through on the right before finally placing across to Duffield, who, unmarked, placed the ball well wide of Sellick's reach.



Toronto's famous "Stork Derby" is now in its last lap, but it is still attracting entries. Mrs. Arthur Hollis Timleck is the latest to get in, with nine children born since 1926 and a tenth due "within a few months," thus giving her a chance to win the U.S.\$500,000 prize offered by an eccentric lawyer for the mother bearing the most children in a decade after 1926. She is here shown with some of her children.

### CHAMPIONS NEARLY LOSE TO ATHLETIC

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With Sui Tim-lin showing great form between the sticks, and Mak Sui-hon and Fu Ka-hing combining to form a great partnership at back, the Athletic defence proved superior to all the thrusts of the opposing forwards for the first 40 minutes.

They adopted the tactics of completely closing the centre, even the wing-halves neglecting their opposing wing-forwards to help block the centre of the field, and try as they would, South China could not devise a method to draw them out of that position by the wayside.

#### A Tireless Pivot

Lai Kwok-chui was a tireless centre-half, conspicuous in defence and attack. His distribution forward was always well thought out, and with Wong Wing-hon also on tip-top form, the Athletic intermediate line had but one weakness, which was the manner in which Chan Hing-kwong failed to mark Tso.

Au Ping-ming was a bustling leader and had good support from his inside men, Yeung Kuo-po and Chan Man-chi. Both wingers were careful in their passing, Tang Kwong-sum being exceptionally fast and shooting well, and the complete line combined well together.

The Athletic won the toss, and immediately instituted a series of rapid attacks that continually had the South China defence floundering.

A brief raid on the left by South China saw Wong King-chong send in a beauty which almost had Sui Tim-lin beaten, but the Athletic custodian just pushed the ball out from under the bar.

#### Athletic Lead

Three minutes from the interval, the Athletic went ahead through Au Ping-ming, who snapped up a centre from Tang Kwong-sum and flashed the ball past Wong from 10 yards.

South China altered their formation for the second half, Tay coming up to inside-right, for Leung Wink-chui to drop to left-back, while Wong Mee-shun went to centre-half, and this re-organization made all the difference to their play.

After five minutes the score was level, terms, a fine shot from Tso glancing off the post to Ip Pak-wah, who had merely to tap the ball into an empty goal.

Throughout this period, Tso was brilliant in the manner in which he effected breakaways, and the way in which he alternated between shots and centres, giving

#### "GIFT FROM HEAVEN"

A Leck (Staffs) man has received a Bank of England note in an envelope bearing the Liverpool postmark, with the message: "A gift from heaven. Spend and enjoy it."

### GARLIC-SMEARED BULLETS

How Gangsters Make Sure Of Their Victims

Newark, N. J.  
"Dutch" Schultz did not die of his wounds but of poisoning caused by infection from contaminated bullets. That much was revealed by his death certificate. Now a member of the underworld has come forward to explain how gang killers make doubly sure that their bullets will cause death. Each one is rubbed with garlic, which acts as a powerful poison when combined with steel or lead and left in the flesh.—Reuter.

the Athletic defence, and Sui in particular, a difficult task in anticipating the flight of the ball.

After 17 minutes, Ip Pak-wah headed the winning goal, from a wonderful centre from Tay, and from this point to the end South China held their own.

S. China "A"—Wong Wink; Lee Tin-sang, Tay Quee-lung; Lau Hing-chai, Leung Wing-chui, Lee Kwok-wai; Tso Kwai-sing, Wong Mee-shun, Fung King-cheong, Ip Pak-wah and Wong King-chong.  
Athletic: Sui Tim-lin; Mak Sui-hon, Fu Ka-hing, Wong Wing-hon, Lai Kwok-chui, Chan Hing-kwong, Tang Kwong-sum, Yeung Kuo-po, Au Ping-ming, Chan Man-chi and Wong Chi-man.

### COUNTESS MOTHER OF ELISSA LANDI

Claimed To Be Child Of Royal Mother.

Countess Zavarzi Landi, the mother of Miss Elissa Landi, the British film actress, who died recently in Hollywood, published some years ago a book entitled "The Secret of an Empress." In it she claimed to be the youngest child of the Empress Elizabeth, consort of Francis Joseph of Austria, but explained that because of the wish of the Empress to keep one of her children to herself, her birth was kept secret, and she was brought up away from the Court.

She recalled some remarkable conversations she had had with the Empress. The Austrian Court, while one remained, refused to recognize her.

Her book was published during the Great War, and on this account did not attract so much attention as it otherwise might have done.

### "Mercy Killing" Denied

Reading (Pennsylvania).  
Reports that in the course of the controversy on "mercy killing" by doctors, a physician of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, admitted that he had hastened the death of six incurable persons, were subsequently denied.

The doctor, in question, stated: "I have never given an overdose of any drug, I never will, and I have nothing in my power to hasten the death of any sick person, regardless of his condition and wishes."

## SELF-GOVERNMENT IN TSINGTAO

### MUNICIPAL REFORMS OUTLINED

VIGOROUS POLICY OF PRESENT MAYOR

TSINGTAO has gone one step ahead of its sister cities in introducing an efficient system of people's self-government, in constructing 1,000 model houses, in building public cemeteries, in giving a "new deal" to the rickshaw pullers, in promoting free education, in training a strong police force, and in initiating a host of other municipal reforms under the enlightened leadership of Rear-Admiral Shen Hung-lich, Mayor, during the last five years.

This was revealed by the Mayor himself when addressing a public gathering at a celebration ceremony on the occasion of the 13th anniversary of the rendition of the city, held here recently. While proudly reviewing the achievements of the Tsingtao City Government during the past few years,

### PLUCKY INNINGS AT H.K.C.C.

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After Duckitt went, the rest of the Club batsmen did not give the Army bowlers much trouble and were all out for 208 runs, thus being 69 runs behind on the first innings.

#### Army Go For Runs

When the Army batted again they went for the bowling from the word go, and in 42 minutes had rattled up 99 runs, when the innings was declared closed. Capt. Persse, who opened the innings, again hit out to good advantage and scored a rapid 39, which included six boundaries, while Lt. E. M. Dawson (45 not out) found the boundary seven times.

The Club had to get 169 runs in 72 minutes but, despite a fine innings for 64 by Tam Pearce, they had only scored 90 for 1 when stumps were drawn. Pearce hit nine boundaries in the course of a fine display of off driving.

The Army fielding, which was patchy on Thursday, improved greatly on Saturday, while the Club men were also better.

#### The League Matches

A "bat-trick" by A. R. Minu, who also hit out for thirty odd runs, not out, featured the first division league match between the I.R.C. and C.S.C.C., which the Indians won by five wickets. A. H. Madar bowled really well for the Indians, his cleverly flighted medium paced deliveries causing the Civil Service batsmen considerable anxiety. He took 4 wickets for only three runs apiece, while F. D. Pereira took the remaining two.

A two-wicket win by the I.R.C. juniors over the C.S.C.C. second eleven completed the "double" for the Sookmoo Club, while the Recreation met with their first league success of the season when they beat the R.A.M.C. by 7 wickets, thanks mainly to a fine innings by Willie Reed, who scored 64 runs.

In the only other league match of the afternoon, the Police held the strong Craigengower Cricket Club second eleven to a draw. Tom Hunter, the Police all-rounder, distinguished himself with a fine knock for 71 runs.

In a low scoring match at King's Park, the Kowloon Cricket Club beat Craigengower seniors by two wickets, while the Diocesan Boys' School held Kowloon juniors to a draw on the School ground.

Tsingtao.

Rear-Admiral Shen also outlined his future administrative policies in detail, with the eventual hope of making the city one of the "model municipalities" in China.

Since the rendition of the city in 1922, the Municipal Government, Mayor Shen said, has centred its efforts on cultural and material reconstruction, in view of the large rural populace and the vast tracts of rural districts surrounding the city. Being aware of the importance of these two aspects of reconstruction work, he has also given them due emphasis, since his assumption of office in 1922.

#### Education

In order to expedite the development of cultural and material reconstruction he has sought to co-ordinate political administration and people's education. For the past three years the low intelligence level of the masses had necessitated the promotion of education through political power, but since last June, the comparative advancement of the people's intelligence has made it possible to utilise educational power to complete political reforms.

In other words, Mayor Shen explained, while the past three years had been a period of political tutelage, since last June, the city has entered into a period of people's self-government.

#### Area Transferred

Reviewing the work of the Municipal Government during the past year, Mayor Shen stated that in accordance with an order of the Shantung Provincial Government Laoshan has been transferred to the control of the Tsingtao Municipal Government from the Tzemo District Government. This island has a total area of 200 square kilometers, the greater part of which is hilly land. Farms occupy about only 25,969 mu, from which an annual tax revenue of about \$6,400 is realised.

Since its transfer to the Tsingtao Municipal Government, the population of Laoshan has increased by 8,557 households or 40,481 persons. Owing to the development of commerce and industry, the population in Tsingtao proper has also increased by 4,631 households or 13,974 persons. The total increase is therefore 13,188 households or 63,455 persons.

A very efficient system of people's self-government, according to Mayor Shen, has been introduced. The whole municipality has been divided into a number of villages and counties. At the head of each village is a village chief and a village vice-chief, and at the head of each county are a county chief and a county vice-chief, who are responsible for all matters relative to self-government.

With regard to social welfare work undertaken during the past year Mayor Shen said that to solve the housing problem for the common people 1,000 houses have been built by the Municipal Government. These are let out at reasonable rent.

To prevent the scattering of tombs all over the municipality a number of public cemeteries have been built.

To relieve small business a Credit Loan Bureau has been established under the joint sponsorship of the Municipal Government and the Kinchen Banking Corporation. Up till the present a total of \$45,000 has been lent.

Agricultural Co-Operation  
To reduce the burden of the people co-operative societies for the rearing of hens and pigs and for the transportation and sale of various daily necessities have been organised.

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## STAMPING OUT OPIUM

Efforts Redoubled In Anhwei  
ADDICTS BEING SENT TO CLINICS

Wuhu, To-day.  
The Anhwei provincial authorities are redoubling their efforts for the suppression of opium in the province, in accordance with the "Six Year Opium Suppression Scheme" laid down by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

In view of the expiration of the time-limit for the registration of opium-smokers, which has been set as the end of 1935, the provincial and district Governments are conducting thorough investigations about opium-smokers who have not yet registered with the Government organs concerned. In Wuhu alone, more than 100 such opium-smokers have been arrested during the past three days. They have been made to register by compulsion and have been sent to the clinics for treatment.

In various districts, large-scale publicity has been started to arouse the attention of the public to the evils of opium-smoking. The magistrates have personally given lectures on the necessity of the scheme for opium suppression, as laid down by the Generalissimo. Meanwhile, while the investigation among opium-smokers is being conducted, addicts, when found, are also being arrested and sent to the clinics, while their smoking utensils are confiscated. — Central News Agency.

## ELECTIONS IN GREECE

NOT LIKELY TO BE POSTPONED

— CHINA MAIL — SPECIAL

Athens, To-day.  
The Government sees no cause why the elections should be postponed, declare the newspapers, which claim to have been inspired by an authoritative source. The Government would only feel obliged to consent to delay if this were formally moved at the proper time by both of the two great parties. Mere suggestions or a formal petition from one political party would not suffice.

The election campaign is already in full swing. General Kondylis gave an electioneering speech at Salonika yesterday, setting forth the programme of his party. M. Theotokis spoke yesterday afternoon at Corfu, and the remaining party leaders, MM. Tsaldaris, Metaxas and others, are already actively at work in their own constituencies. — Trans-Ocean Service.

## CHINESE PRIEST AS CURATE

Innovation At Church In Folkestone

London, To-day.  
A large congregation at Christ Church, Folkestone, yesterday heard the first sermon ever preached by a Chinese clergyman as a curate in an English parish church.

The vicar, with the consent of the Archbishop of Canterbury, invited the Rev. Addison Hsu, of Kwangsi, to act as temporary curate for a few months. Mr. Hsu accepted, with the object of learning the methods and work of an English parish before introducing similar methods in China. — Reuter.

## DEATH OF GREEK ORTHODOX PATRIARCH

Istanbul, to-day.—The Greek Orthodox Patriarch, Photios II, died here yesterday, after a long illness, aged 68. The deceased was elected supreme head of Orthodox Christianity in 1929, having resided since then at Constantinople. — Trans-Ocean Service.

## GIFT TO MAYORESS

Dr. Maudie Ansell, Mayoreess of Chatham during her brother's year of office, was presented by local tuberculosis patients with photographs of the Mayor and herself.



The latest portrait of King George of Greece, who has been restored to his throne after 12 years in exile.

## LOCAL NEWS BREVITIES

Miss Violet Capell informs us that the gross takings from the Dancing Display given at the King's Theatre on November 6 last amounted to \$1,135. A draft for \$5 (Five Pounds) has been forwarded to the London Hospital and a cheque for \$100 (One Hundred Dollars) to the Hong Kong Benevolent Society.

The local Sikh community will celebrate the birthday of Siri Guroo Govind Singh Ji at the Sikh Temple on Wednesday, January 1. Arrangements for meals to all comers both morning and evening, have been made by the committee of the Temple.

Owing to the late arrival of the troopship Neuralia, the Entertainment Committee of the R.E.O.C.A. have been obliged to cancel the whist drive and tombola arranged for to-day. The Dance arranged for Saturday, January 4 will not be interfered with. It will be held in the China Fleet Club Theatre and will begin at the usual time, 8.30 p.m.

For the convenience of patrons attending the Carnival Dance at Repulse Bay Hotel to-morrow, additional buses will run from the Hong Kong Hotel at 8.30 and 9 p.m. and from Repulse Bay at 8.15 and 9.30 a.m.

To-morrow's meeting of the Sanitary Board will consider correspondence relative to the dairy licence for No. 43, Portland Street, ground floor; and an application for a bake-house licence at No. 450, Prince Edward Road, ground floor.

The Sailors' and Soldiers' Home are holding their annual party for Servicemen this evening in the form of a dinner, to be followed by a concert which is to be given by the 1st Bn. The Lincolnshire Regiment.

A tea dance will be held at the Repulse Bay Hotel on New Year's Day, next Wednesday, at 4.30 p.m. There will be a half-hourly bus service during the afternoon.

H.M.S. Tarantula left for the West River this morning.

The Hong Kong University Medical Society will give a farewell tea party to Prof. and Mrs. J. L. Shellshear, who will be leaving for good, in the Union Assembly Room on Thursday, January 2, at 10 a.m. Members and friends are cordially invited.

The Carol party of the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home, under the leadership of the Rev. E. C. H. Tribbeck, was again active during the festive season. Yesterday evening the party visited the

## THE "EASTERN MIRROR"

New Bi-Lingual Magazine

The first number of the *Eastern Mirror*, a recently-established monthly magazine, has just been issued. It is a profusely illustrated publication in English and Chinese, containing a number of articles and many photographs dealing with affairs in China and the West.

In the first issue the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga writes on the beauties of Kowloon and the New Territories; the recently-appointed Siamese Trade Commissioner is interviewed; and L.M.A. Macfadyen writes entertainingly on "People and Pictures," with special reference to the modern trends in Chinese painting. There is also an intensely amusing newspaper skit, disclosing how the tragedy of "Hamlet" would have been wired to his paper by a red-hot newsman.

The photographs and other illustrations are many and varied, and will no doubt be a most popular part of the magazine.

## ROBBERS IN NEW TERRITORIES

Chinese Wounded In Ankle

Li Kit-cheung, a Chinese from the Wai Chan district, was admitted to the Kwong Wah Hospital yesterday suffering from a bullet wound in the left ankle, received when he was held up by robbers in Chinese territory. He was dressed at the Shan Tak Dressing station before being sent to the hospital.

## POLICE RESERVE

Orders For The Current Week

Orders by the Hon. Mr. T. H. King, Inspector General of Police. General. There will be no parades or classes during the week ending January 4, 1936.

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mid-levels, and on Christmas Eve the Peak, the resulting collections totalling \$151. The grateful thanks of the Committee are extended to all concerned in achieving this splendid result. The amount collected is to be devoted to the general funds of the Home.

The B.M.S. Empress of Asia left Nagasaki for Hong Kong, via ports, on Saturday and is due here next Thursday morning.

The Time Signal given by means of lights at 9 p.m. from the Royal Observatory will be repeated at midnight on December 31, the termination of the programme signifying the end of the year 1935.

In connection with the New Year's Eve Carnivals at the Hong Kong, Peninsula and Repulse Bay Hotels the managements desire to advise patrons that the dress for the occasion may either be evening or fancy.

Sig. Roberts reports that while driving a military lorry in Island Road yesterday he knocked down a Chinese male, Lau Yuen, who received slight injuries and was admitted to the Government Civil Hospital.

## To-day's Short Story

## O'TOOLE'S MIRACLE

By Nina Conarain

BENGOR and Benbaum were blue and far away against a white sky. The hot day made them unreal as stage mountains painted on a backdrop. Lough Inagh was white like the sky, its waters made a sleepy sound against the limestone crags.

Along the lake road plodded a small untidy clergyman. He had wiped the trickles of sweat from his brow so vigorously that his hat was pushed to the back of his head in a rakish manner. His pockets bulged with little plants he had dug up from the bog; the brown earth from their roots stained his black coat and his hands and face.

Catching sight of a green shadow in the crevice of a boulder he halted. In that rough but sheltered bed grew a perfect specimen of maidenhair fern. The Rev. Arthur O'Toole drew a trowel from his waistcoat pocket and, talking to himself in an excited undertone, procured this crown of his day's toil.

Thereafter he forgot the sun streaming down on his back, the stinging horseflies and the long miles between himself and Corraghwee. In an ecstasy of creative meditation he composed the opening sentences for a new chapter in his book on the Anatomy of the Vegetative Organs of the Phanerogams and Ferns.

The one street of Corraghwee lay deserted in the heat when, still murmuring to himself, Mr. O'Toole passed unseeing through its double line of small houses and shops. On the far side of the village the shade and solitude of his study awaited him. Perhaps Bridget would make him a cup of tea. It

was late for tea, but he had had no lunch and was hungry. He quickened his pace.

The Protestant church and rectory were hidden modestly in a vale of rich trees. Their joint grounds sloped down to the waters of the lake. It was a green and gracious place on that August afternoon. Mr. O'Toole reached it with a sense of thanksgiving.

The church door stood open. The vestry was a cool stone place where his specimens might wait until he had time to sort them. He went in and spread them upon the deep window sill. Through the dusty panes he saw a man climbing over the high wall of the churchyard. It was Gaffney, the sexton. Balancing precariously on the top of the wall he dragged a large loaded sack

## TO-MORROW'S STORY

To-morrow's story will be "The Veiled Lady," by Agatha Christie.

into position beside him. Then, in obvious haste, the man and sack came tumbling down upon the green graves. Mr. O'Toole watched in mild amazement. He could think of no reason why Gaffney should want to enter the churchyard in so furtive a fashion while the wide gates stood open on the other side of the church.

Gaffney continued to behave strangely. When he caught sight of Mr. O'Toole at the window he started in terror. Dropping the sack abruptly among the tombs he advanced to the vestry door and stood there, fidgeting nervously with his cap.

Mr. O'Toole was an unsuspecting, incurious soul. Now he was only anxious to find someone to whom he might communicate the good news concerning his maidenhair fern. He lifted it gently to show Gaffney. He talked for five minutes of the extraordinary interest of its vegetative organ.

Gaffney was a tall, shambling young man with the physique of an ox, but he held himself with extreme humility before the little clergyman. He had less than the normal amount of sense usually found even in the most limited of human beings, and far less than the usual amount of chin, but his heart was large and kind.

Because of his true kindness of nature rather than from any wish to curry favour, Gaffney tried to please everybody with whom he came in contact. At times this estimable quality indulged in indiscriminately brought him to complicated and troublesome places. He was in trouble now, for he had not reckoned on the presence of Mr. O'Toole in the vestry at this hour of the afternoon. It was difficult to listen to the life history of the fern with composure.

"It's a grand little plant, so it is, sir," he said, absently, when Mr. O'Toole paused for breath. "I know a place where you can get hundreds of them. Thick as daisies they are. I'll go out and get you a sack full any day."

He said this to make Mr. O'Toole happy. He knew the ferns were rare and that it was doubtful if he would find even one in a day's march, but that did not prevent him from promising something that might please his employer, however illusively, for a few minutes.

"I don't want a sack full," said Mr. O'Toole ungraciously. "I've got one and that is enough for the present—and talking of sacks, that is surely a big one you have got out there, Gaffney?"

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## NEW GOVERNOR OF HUPEH

Nanking, To-day.—Mr. Yang Yung-tai, the newly appointed Governor of Hupeh, left here for Hankow aboard the gunboat Yung Sui at 2 o'clock yesterday morning. He will assume his new post on New Year's Day. — Central News Agency.

## NATIVE EDUCATIONAL FILMS

Nanking, to-day.—An exhibition of native educational films will be held at the next annual convention of the China Educational Moving Picture Association. It has been decided by the Association that the exhibition may take some time. — Central News Agency.

## OUTLAWS IN NORTH

Being Pursued By Troops

Peiping, To-day.  
Approximately 1,000 outlaws, under the notorious bandit chieftain Lin Kwei-tang, fled to a point near Changping, north of here, on Saturday, from the demilitarized zone, after being pursued by the Paoanui Peace Preservation Corps. In view of the weak police force in the vicinity of Changping, their extermination may take some time. — Central News Agency.



Three of the Criminals (1 to 3) Zouanui, Paoanui, Ivan Hattch and Mr. Krali, who are charged with plotting the assassination of King Alexander of Yugoslavia in October, 1934, are here seen, surrounded by a strong guard, at their trial proceedings at Aix-en-Provence, France.





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Canton Saturday.—The district assemblies of Jenhu, Yunguan and Nan-so have sent telegrams to the Provincial Assembly, urging the latter to demand that the Government should further strengthen the defence of Kwangtung. War might come at any moment, the telegrams read, and only with good defence work can Kwangtung hope to repulse aggression.—Central Press.

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Yes, I saw the smoke coming from the furnace chimney. It seemed a little odd in the midst

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E/Asia	Jan. 14	Jan. 16			Feb. 4	Feb. 6		Feb. 15
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E/Russia	Apr. 17	Apr. 19	Apr. 21	Apr. 23	Apr. 25	Apr. 27	May 4	May 6
E/Japan	May 1	May 3			May 6	May 8	May 14	May 19
E/Asia	May 15	May 17	May 19	May 21	May 23	May 25	June 1	June 3
E/Canada	May 29	May 31			June 3	June 5	June 15	June 17
E/Japan	June 12	June 14			June 16	June 18	June 20	June 22
E/Asia	June 26	June 28	June 30	July 2	July 4	July 6	July 13	July 15
E/Asia	July 10	July 12	July 14	July 16	July 18	July 20	July 27	July 29
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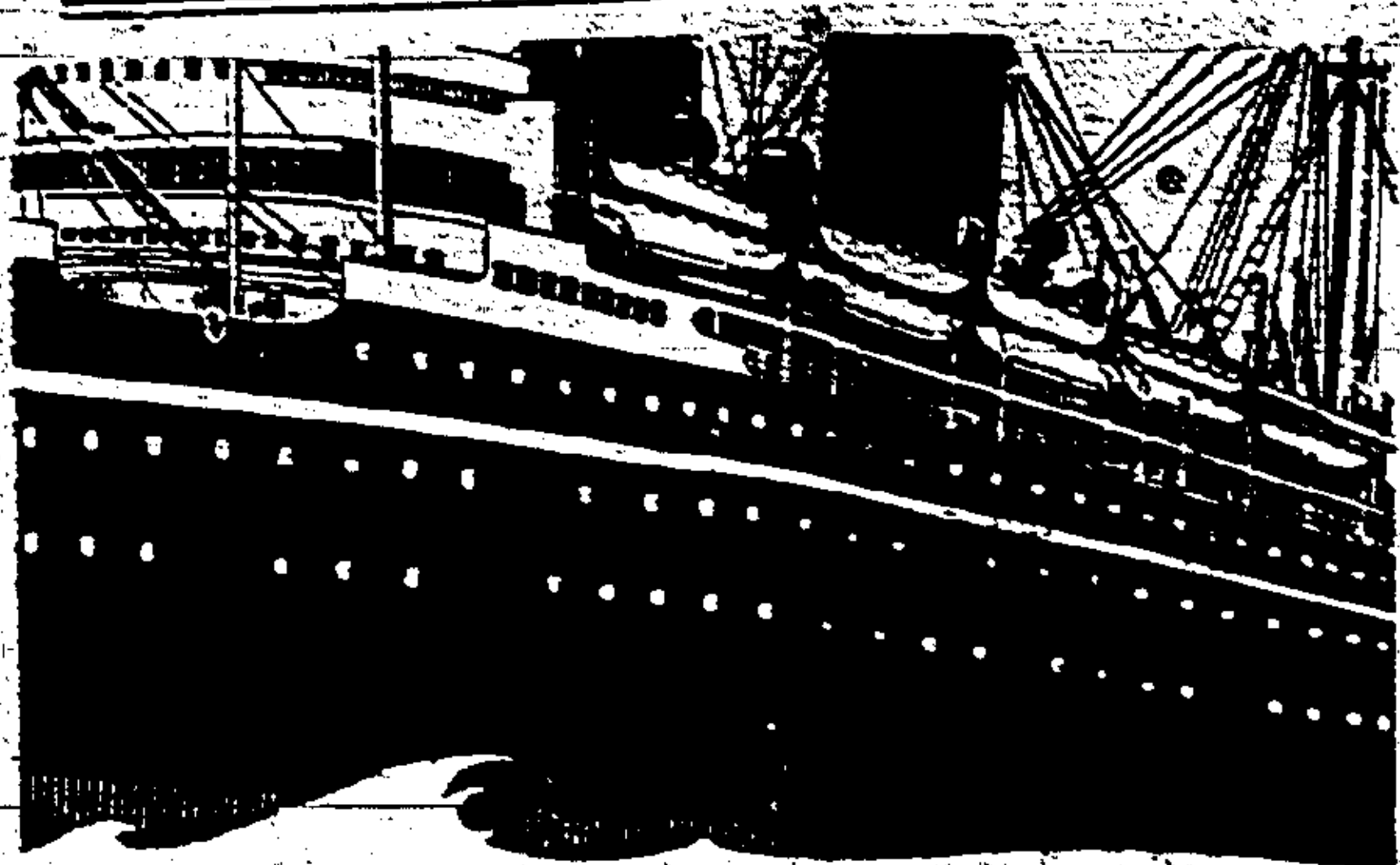
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## O'Toole's Miracle

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was no use, after all, pandering to the peculiarities of Gaffney in an effort to keep his world together. The end had come. Though he had known it must one day come, he could not find reconciliation in his heart.

For three years—three quiet, precious years—he had expected it. He had told the Bishop in vague, infrequent letters how small his congregation had become. He had pointed out that the change in Irish politics had taken away the Congested District-Board officials and the R.I.C. sergeants, who always had such large families; but the Bishop hadn't appeared to mind. It would be different when he came. No Bishop likes to preach to an empty church.

Perhaps he would refuse to preach at all when he saw only Gaffney's vacant face before him in a vista of empty pews. He would go away, quietly and politely, and soon after there would be a call for the rector to some busy parish in a big town like Galway or Limerick. Never again would he be free to wander unhindered upon the mountains and the bogs. His book would go for years—perhaps for ever—unpublished.

Mr. O'Toole groaned and prayed in his heart for grace and humility in the trials which awaited him. And Sunday morning was barely 24 hours away.

The Bishop was a charming man. His voice purred soothingly like the hum of his own luxurious car. Lightly he touched upon the beauty of the countryside through which he had travelled, and on the prospects of the harvest, as they sat waiting for the bell which should summon them across the rectory garden to the church.

But no bell-sounded. Mr. O'Toole's nerves, already stretched to the limit of their endurance, threatened a complete collapse. If Gaffney should fail him on this day of all days! Why, or why had he not begun to tug—at the worn bell rope? And he had not yet found courage to inform the Bishop that the sexton would be their entire congregation.

At five minutes past eleven, firmly in hand, the Bishop rose to his feet. If there had been a small misunderstanding about the hour of service they had better correct it. His time at Corraghwee was limited. Mr. O'Toole followed him in dumb agony.

Perhaps a telepathic wave of his agony reached the missing Gaffney, for at that moment he rose from his seat on the floor of the vault and in some confusion addressed the group around him. "Yiz will have to go now. It is time for me to ring the bell, and the Bishop coming any minute."

The gathering stirred reluctantly. Wiping their mouths on their sleeves the twelve big men moved unsteadily up the broken steps to the church. It was with difficulty that Gaffney herded them along. They talked loudly, convulsively as they struggled down the aisle.

Gaffney behind them had the air of a dishevelled sheep dog wrestling with a dispirited flock of sheep. At the door of the church confusion turned to panic when a red-bearded man in a white flannel bawled whispered that there were "four guards out there be the wall."

It was Gaffney who had the presence of mind to bolt the heavy door and lead the men back into church, and it was just then that the Bishop, beautifully and ceremoniously robed, appeared on the chancel steps.

In the moments that followed only the Bishop remained unaware of the extraordinary and the terrible. To Gaffney the affair was a nightmare. To Mr. O'Toole it was a mystery of the deepest kind. To the twelve wild men it was an adventure of hide and seek which they had known many times before in various settings.

When the Bishop knelt in prayer Gaffney dealt authoritatively with his mob, and they were as wax in his hands. They had no alternative. Outside awaited the Law, and here, in the shelter of the Bishop's sacred robes and sonorous tones was sanctuary, for no one would dare to interrupt so high a cleric—even though he were a Protestant and alien cleric—in the performance of his duties.

but reverent congregation in order before him.

With his head in a whirl Mr. O'Toole went through the shortened form of Morning Prayer. Never before had Gaffney responded with greater accuracy and fervour, save for one awful instant when a resounding hiccup broke from his lips.

The strange men remained silent and awkward. When Gaffney stood they stood, when Gaffney knelt they sat bolt upright in their pews. Who were they? The question threatened to throw the familiar prayers out of gear, to wreck the little clergyman's timid delivery. Perhaps they were phantoms of his overwrought brain. Could Gaffney and the Bishop see them, too? Mr. O'Toole would have given much to know. He glanced quickly at his reverent lordship in the middle of the reading of the second lesson, but that gentleman sat with peaceful countenance and closed eyes.

One or two of the twelve strange faces were vaguely familiar. If that were really Heaney, the butcher, sitting in the front pew, then the men were not ghosts—but if not? Had God worked a miracle in the provision of a congregation for His servant, the Bishop? God or Gaffney? In his desire to make the day a success had Gaffney bribed these men to come to church? But no, it couldn't be that. Mr. O'Toole knew too well the prohibitions of his Catholic neighbours to harbour this notion.

Then, as the Bishop preached, the thing grew clear. It was a miracle. There could be no more doubt about it. Twelve men—surely a mystic number. They had come in from the highways and byways to fill his empty church. The little man's heart swelled with thanksgiving. By the end of the sermon he had begun to fancy a likeness between the red-bearded man and the Italian print of St. Peter which hung in his study.

And after the service the Bishop was more charming than ever. He had found enjoyment and refreshment in his visit to this lonely outpost of the church, in the rapt attention he had received from the humble congregation. His words were very kind and so warmly did he shake the hand of Mr. O'Toole that the little man saw him ride away in his splendid car with tears of gratitude and admiration.

When he turned back to the house a strange sight awaited him. From the direction of the church came two sturdy Civil Guards. Between them, held firmly by either arm, walked Gaffney, sobbing like a heartbroken child. There followed, with other Guards, the mysterious members of his morning's congregation. When the procession reached him it halted and the foremost policeman spoke.

"Misther O'Toole," he said sternly. "We have found this morning in the vault of the Protestant church a sack containing two hundred-weight of malt, a still in prime working order and enough potheen to drown the parish of Corraghwee. What have you to say?"

[THE END]

## VETERAN BAPTIST MINISTER

Record Of More Than  
2,250 Sermons

DID WITHOUT SALARY TO  
BUILD NEW CHURCH

The Rev. W. Charles King, Berkshire's oldest Free Church minister, has just preached his 2,250th sermon at Anderson Baptist Church, Reading, where he has ministered for 27 years. He is in his 79th year.

From 1903, when he became pastor, to 1919, he received no payment for his services, and supported himself by insurance work. The trustees saved the money that normally would have been spent on the minister's salary and built a new church.

The Rev. W. C. King has been preaching since 1872. He has also helped to make railway coaches in Swindon Great Western Works, kept a small shop, and been an insurance agent.

## SELF-GOVERNMENT IN TSINGTAO

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With a view to improving the life of the richshaw pullers, clubs houses have been established for them and they have all been registered at the Bureau of Social Welfare. For the convenience of the richshaw pullers as well as the workers a public dining-hall, where meals are served at the lowest prices possible, has been established. Meanwhile, clinics and small hospitals have been established in various villages and counties.

The most important work in the educational programme during the past year, Mayor Shen pointed out, has been the promotion of free education. A total of 396 classes of the primary grade has been opened with a total of 12,000 students. These have been conducted with appropriations from the Municipal Government and subsidies from the Central Government.

Adult Education  
The Municipal Government has, Mayor Shen continued, spared no efforts in the promotion of education for the grown-ups. A total of 200 classes have been opened, with upwards of 10,000 men and women attending them.

Construction funds for schools appropriated by the Municipal Government, according to Mayor Shen, amounted to \$210,000.

Turning to public works in the municipality during the past year, Mayor Shen mentioned the improvement of water supply at a cost of over \$200,000, the adjustment of the sewage system, the construction of highways in the rural districts, the beautification of the Laoshan tourist centre, the building of a new big wharf at a cost of \$3,900,000 and a number of small piers and bridges.

To ensure peace preservation in the municipality the police force has been strengthened. A Police Officers Training Class has been opened to train competent police officers. Police dogs have been trained to help in detection work. More police stations have also been established in various parts of the municipality to maintain peace and order.

Agriculture And Forestry  
The promotion of agriculture and forestry has also demanded much of the attention of the Municipal Government, Mayor Shen affirmed. Horticultural gardens, saplings, experimental stations, and hen and pig rearing stations have been built. Improved wheat, vegetable and fruit seeds have been distributed among the farmers. Agricultural experts have been frequently sent out to give instruction to the farmers in the improvement of farming methods. To arouse public interest in the agricultural development agricultural fairs have also been held.

With regard to the future administrative plans of the Municipal Government Mayor Shen stated that these are primarily under two categories: social and economic. Among the social reforms will be the elimination of bad customs and habits, including the suppression of opium and other narcotic drugs, and the prohibition of secret prostitution. Meanwhile, good customs and habits such as thrift and diligence will be highly promoted.

Women's Part

In view of the fact that women play an important part in family life the Municipal Government, according to Mayor Shen, are planning to organize a Tsingtao Women's Association, which will be responsible for educating the illiterate women, introducing reforms into the home, and providing vocational guidance for women. All highly educated women and girl graduates from schools of various grades in that municipality will be induced to participate in the association so as to make it a strong organization.

The youth problem, Mayor Shen declared, is also a serious social problem at present. To give academic, athletic and vocational guidance to the youth of Tsingtao Young Men's Association will be instituted under the auspices of the educational authorities.

Looking to economic reforms, Mayor Shen suggested that in order to promote commerce and industry there must be close co-operation between financial and commercial and industrial circles. Unless there be co-operation be-

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## OLDEN-DAY CULT OF DIRT

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gentleman, advises his nuns to wash "at the usual intervals" that is to say, once a month. Jerome, while living as a hermit in Syria, tells us that his skin was covered with such a coating of dirt that he looked like a negro.

Moral Excellence  
It would be easy to multiply evidence to the same effect. If

between them the development of commerce and industry cannot be accelerated.

Meanwhile, the management of various commercial and industrial organs must be improved. Scientific methods of management must be introduced to heighten working efficiency. The personnel must also be trained, especially in the new methods of production and transaction.

Labour Problem

Mayor Shen is aware that the labour problem constitutes one of the most important social as well as economic problems. The long working hours and insanitary conditions in many small factories are detrimental to the health of the workers. To improve the life of the labourers these small factories must be compelled to improve their working conditions. The livelihood of the lower classes, Mayor Shen pointed out, has always been under the serious consideration of the municipal authorities, for if the lower classes are not living a tolerable life, they constitute the greatest menace to the peace and order of society.

Owing to the stringency of the municipal treasury and the frequent occurrences of natural calamities, the results of the efforts of the Municipal Government in this connection have not been encouraging. But the municipal authorities, Mayor Shen asserted, will continue to do their best to improve the life of the lowest strata through the extension of credit loans, relief of the homeless and destitute, the helping of unemployed to get employment, and other measures. Central News Agency.

## BUT THE BANDIT RAN AWAY

He Simply Hadn't The Heart

San Jose, Cal.

It is a bandit who up in New York City is well known as the "Big Boy" of the underworld.

When a big man named James was getting his car stolen by a bandit, the bandit ran away.

The bandit was a big man, and he was a very good driver.

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does not matter much whether the stories of the habits of these ascetics were all true. The important thing is that for many centuries dirt was considered part of the highest moral excellence.

The impulse to do things because they are repulsive is often found both among Christian devotees and in other religions. In India the Aghorins dig up corpses and eat them. Mme Guyon, the French mystic, forced herself to eat no matter what. But enough of this.

The hot water tap has made a revolution in the practice of cleanliness. The daily cold water tub, the last relic of Protestant asceticism, was a religious exercise, but I think it did not penetrate beyond the upper and professional classes. Certainly in the eighteenth century Dr. Johnson could say without shame, "I do not love immersion." And now we have doctors who tell us that we wash too much, and rub off a protecting layer from our skins. We cannot please the doctors anyhow.

Bathing Habits

The habit of sea and river bathing has increased enormously since the war in all parts of the world. It is not generally necessary for cleanliness; but it seems to mark a new feeling of pride in a healthy body such as has hardly been seen in Europe since the ancient Greeks.

The change since the days (which I can well remember) when ladies were ashamed to show their ankles and insisted on the men going over stiles first and not looking round is almost incredible. One need not be a "nudist" to think that our young people have common sense on their side.

We have learned, it seems, that cleanliness is next to godliness, at least in our persons. And our streets are beautifully clean, very unlike their horrible condition two hundred years ago and less. But what can we say of the air which our townsfolk breathe?

The fumes of a Londoner. I am told, are dark grey; in manufacturing towns, almost black. It is really rather humiliating to leave a Dutch or Scandinavian town, where everything looks spick and span, and come back to an English sea-port.

Smoke-Nuisance

We may expect that 100 years hence some way of abating the smoke-nuisance will have been discovered. It is already, I suppose, better than it was 50 years ago, when London fogs were such as we seldom see now; but very much remains to be done. It was distressing to see that Athens, which 2,000 years ago puffed itself on its beautiful clear atmosphere, is now a dirty, smoky town. From the fumes one can only see the Acropolis through a haze, and the sulphuric acid in the air has completely ruined the Parthenon. Such is the penalty of industrialism; but some remedy must surely be found.

The most important thing, no doubt, is to clean the inside of the cup. Unless a vessel is clean, whatever you pour into it turns sour, as George says. But it is worth while to make the outside clean also.



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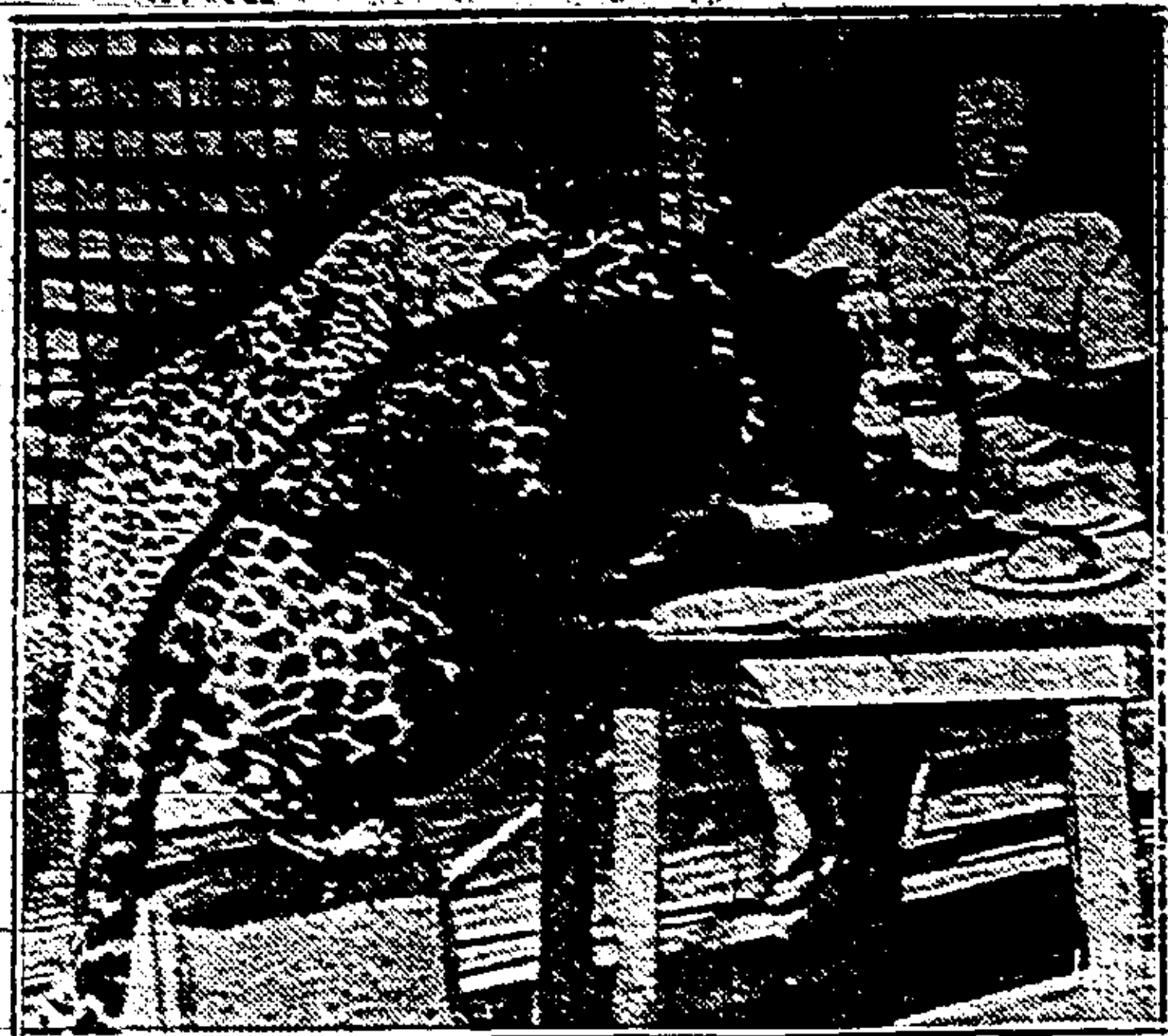
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### BATTLES WITH REDS

#### Heavy Fighting In Hunan

#### PROVINCIAL TROOPS BEING REINFORCED

(From Our Own Correspondent)  
Canton, To-day.  
After a sanguinary battle at Wu Kung in south-western Hunan on Boxing Day, the Communists were driven out of that town by the Hunan troops advancing from Pao Hsing, but Tao Fa Ping is still in the hands of the Reds, commanded by Hsiao Keh and Ho Lung.

General Ho Chien, the commander-in-chief of provincial troops, executed a battalion commander and an executive officer of a regiment owing to their unauthorized retreat in the face of the Communist advance. The Government troops are greatly embarrassed by the guerilla warfare of the Reds.

### GIANT JUNKERS PLANE

#### Safe Arrival At Shanghai

Shanghai, To-day.  
Following a delay of 24 hours, the third giant tri-motored Junkers aeroplane, D-MAY, ordered by the Eurasia Aviation Corporation, arrived safely at the Lungwa aerodrome yesterday morning, successfully completing the Berlin-Shanghai trip in the short time of nine days.

Despite the continuous drizzle, many notables were at the aerodrome to welcome the giant machine, including the German Consul-General, Herr Krebel, and Mr. Li Ching-tung, Director-General of the Corporation. The plane was piloted by Herr Kruger, assisted by Herr Tusch.

The plane is scheduled to fly shortly for Sian, where it will be commissioned for regular trips between Sian and Langchow.—Central News Agency.

### NATIONAL GOVERNMENT'S ANNIVERSARY

Nanking, To-day.—The National Government will celebrate the 25th anniversary of its founding on January 1. The ceremony will be held at 10 a.m. at the Government headquarters. No official reception will be given to the diplomatic representatives on that day.—Central News Agency.

### WEATHER REPORT

The anticyclone remains stationary and has increased slightly in intensity, pressure being highest to the north-west of Shanghai. The northern depression is situated to the north-east of Hokkaido. The depression of the Bonins has filled up. North-east winds, fresh gale, was the forecast for to-day, as issued by the Royal Observatory this morning.

### EAST HOPEI MATTERS

#### Important Conference Pending

#### CHINESE AND JAPANESE TO MEET

Peiping, To-day.  
Important conferences regarding the settlement of the East Hopei question will take place after January 4, when General Doihara comes up from Tientsin to take part in the discussions. General Doihara is now in Changchun discussing matters with the Kwangtung Army authorities concerning the East Hopei issue. He is due to return to Tientsin either to-day or to-morrow.

Well-informed quarters intimate that the North Chahar problem will be included in the agenda of the parley between General Doihara and the Chinese authorities when they meet.

As the Tangku controversy is part of the East Hopei question, it will be automatically solved if the latter should be satisfactorily settled.

General Sung Chieh-yuan and General Chin Teh-chen are expected to return here before the New Year. General Hsiao Chen-ying will probably accompany Generals Sung and Chin.—Central News Agency.

### BRIGHTER HOPES FOR SETTLEMENT

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The *Ere Nouvelle*, the organ of the Radical-Socialist Party, points to the unpassed budget as the real cause of the Government's success in the Chamber and defends those minority Radical-Socialists who voted with the Government, as performing their duty as "republicans and patriots."

The opposition paper *l'Ouverture* declares that M. Laval did not succeed in convincing his opponents, and it would be false to ascribe the victory to the Premier's foreign policy.

The Nationalist *Liberte* says that the significance of the ballot cannot be measured by the numerical strength of the majority, but by the difficulties that have been overcome and by the dangers to which France would have been exposed if the Cabinet had been defeated. The real object at issue was more than the mere existence of the Government. What was actually at stake was the continuity of freedom of French foreign policy.

*L'Intransigeant* emphasises that after M. Laval's declaration no differences of opinion with England any longer exist, and this is the supreme significance of the French Premier's foreign political utterance.

**ROME RELIEVED**  
Rome: The news of M. Laval's Chamber victory is received here with undiminished relief, especially the French Premier's appreciated declaration that he would not relax his efforts to bring about an understanding on the Italo-Abyssinian conflict.

Although M. Laval's reproaches towards Italy and the coolness of the rest of his utterances are noted, these have caused less disappointment, in view of the fact that M. Laval's remaining in office means that for the time being there will be no intensification of the existing tension. *l'Espresso* writes: "Without giving way to any superfluous illusions, we can be glad that a man remains at the head of French foreign policy who has given Europe clear proofs that he understands the necessities and perils of the present situation."—Trans-Ocean Service.

### MR. HU ENDS EXILE

#### Co-Operation With Nanking

#### JOURNEY FROM BRINDISI BEGUN

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Canton, To-day.  
Ending his voluntary exile of four years, Mr. Hu Han-min, ranking opposition leader within the Kuomintang, left Brindisi yesterday afternoon for China aboard an Italian vessel. After a brief stay in Hong Kong, Mr. Hu will go to Nanking to assume his post as Chairman of the C.E.C. Standing Committee.

It is reported that Mr. Hu Han-min has consented to co-operate with his former rival, General Chiang Kai-shek, President of the Executive Yuan, in the interest of national unity. Mr. Hu wishes to avoid any blame for staying in Europe when critical dangers are confronting the Kuomintang and the country.

Mr. Hu's followers, such as Messrs. Liu Le-yin and Li Man-fan, are most anxious that Mr. Hu should proceed to Nanking, as they have already been appointed to several Government posts. These two men will proceed to Singapore to welcome their political chief.

Because of sharp antagonism with General Chiang Kai-shek, Mr. Hu was detained in 1930 by the latter at Tangshan near Nanking until early in 1932, when he was released. Mr. Hu then went to Hong Kong and lived there until the early part of this year. For the past eight months he has visited Italy, Germany and France and has studied the international attitude towards the Sino-Japanese conflict.

### SOVIET AND THE KOMINTERN

#### Uruguay To Be Asked For Proofs

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Moscow, To-day.  
The Soviet Government intends to call on Uruguay through the League of Nations to furnish proof of the allegations upon which the Uruguayan Government has decided to cut off diplomatic relations with Soviet Russia, stated a competent authority here.

It will be remembered, however, that at the last congress of the Communist International, the official Soviet Russian press applauded the resolutions passed then, that revolutionary agitation should be fomented in all countries where discontent with the Government could be intensified. The subversive activity in Uruguay, if proved, would therefore not be inconsistent with the plans made and announced in Moscow a few months ago.

Nevertheless in view of the Soviet policy at the League of Nations, revelations about direct connections between the Komintern and the diplomatic service would prove exceedingly embarrassing.—Trans-Ocean Service.

### ON SOUTHERN FRONT

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**AERIAL BOMBARDMENTS**  
The Italian tactics have chiefly consisted of aerial bombardment, the moral effects of which were at first considerable, and there seemed to be a danger of Nasibon's forces becoming demoralised. But following two Italian planes being shot down the Italian planes keep above 3,000 feet, where they are safe from rifle fire. But they usually fail to hit their targets, and moreover the Abyssinians have learned to take cover. They have dug bomb-proof shelters and now appear to be little perturbed by air raids.

Nasibon is quietly confident of the result of the war so far as the southern front is concerned.

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